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PART OF RICHARD HOLDEN FARM

Showing site of homestead, on the rising ground centre of picture. This is now part of the golf course of Groton School. The abandoned road to Lunenburg north of the stone wall is seen to the left.











# THE HOLDEN GENEALOGY

ANCESTRY AND DESCENDANTS OF  
RICHARD AND JUSTINIAN HOLDEN  
AND OF  
RANDALL HOLDEN

COMPILED BY  
EBEN PUTNAM  
FOR THE FAMILY OF MR. L. E. HOLDEN

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## PREFACE

The first attempt at anything resembling a genealogy of the Holden family was made by Abiel Holden (1798-1863) of Reading, Mass., whose manuscript is dated 2 Jan., 1814, undoubtedly drawing from the data preserved by his uncle Asa Holden, in the latter's "Journal" begun in 1803. This was supplemented by the account by his brother Luther (1805-1865) in 1848, but how much earlier Luther wrote the "history" which he copied in 1848 has been left for posterity to guess. In that year he contemplated enlarging his record and printing it for distribution in the family, but nothing came of the plan. The two accounts, differing in some particulars, are given in the first chapter. An independent contemporary source of information is the narrative of Abner Holden (*Joseph, Justinian*), who recorded in 1805 what he had learned from his father concerning Justinian's family. Each of these narratives was limited to the immediate family group of the compiler.

It was not so very long after this date that Frederic A. Holden (R6423.51) of Washington began to pick up information about his own line, which was from Randall Holden, the Rhode Island pioneer. We know from his own statement, in writing of the family of Richard Holden of Charlestown, N. H., that he copied the gravestones there in 1858, and this must have been about the time he took up the idea of preparing a family history of the Holdens, and it is unquestionable that he had the belief then, derived from the Abiel and Luther accounts, that Randall was a brother of Richard Holden, the pioneer of Groton, Mass., for in his copy of the sketch by Luther he had changed the name "William" (the brother of Richard who is said by Luther to have gone to Rhode Island) to "Randall."

Prior to 1867 he had corresponded with a number of people of the name. In a letter of his of 1877, written to Hiram Holden of Antwerp, N. Y., he refers to "your letter of June 28, 1867, which was a prompt reply to some inquiries I made." In this letter he writes that he has kept at work on the genealogy during his leisure time and states that he has collected many family records. In 1877 Mr. Holden was using the blank form for collecting information, of which we have many examples, and which was well-designed. It had evidently been in use by him for some time. In the letter above-mentioned he writes, "In order to assist me in the best manner to complete our family history, the Holden Historical and Genealogical Society of America was organized here, at the national capital, in July last.

Vice-presidents and corresponding members have been elected in almost every state in the Union." He signs himself "secretary" of the society.

At the same time, Grinfill B. Holden, who belonged to the Otisfield, Me., branch, had already collected data for a history of Otisfield and the Holdens there. This he had probably been encouraged to do through knowing F. A. Holden, both being in the employment of the Government in Washington. Mr. G. B. Holden did not give all of his material to the latter, who, however, undoubtedly obtained what he had of that branch from him. Mr. G. B. Holden continued his work up to his death, making some attempt to complete the record at the request of the late Mr. L. E. Holden of Cleveland, Ohio, into whose hands the G. B. Holden material eventually fell.

Some time in the nineties, Mrs. A. L. Bullock was engaged by a member of the Holden family to compile a genealogy of the descendants of Samuel Holden, son of Richard of Groton, and collected a certain amount of material, having the aid of G. B. Holden. The latter and Mrs. Bullock corresponded and compared notes and had access to the same material.

It is noteworthy that all of this work by those mentioned seems to have been confined to town vital records or printed sources, with only occasional delving into deeds and probate, but no systematic search was made of the latter important sources, nor of other sources quite as important, except that Mr. F. A. Holden used the records of the Pension Office at Washington, and obtained some very important details there.

Mr. F. A. Holden was active in correspondence in the late sixties, again in 1876 and the two or three years following, and again about 1891, and had carried on his work intermittently in the meantime.

Mr. L. E. Holden of Cleveland was early interested in the genealogy of his own branch, and from the time when he was a young man had collected a fund of stories and anecdotes concerning members of the family. He did not, however, approach the subject in a systematic way until much later in his life, though always interested in Mr. F. A. Holden's efforts. He was at one time president of the Holden Historical and Genealogical Society.

Eventually Mr. L. E. Holden purposed to make a thorough search of the Massachusetts records for the landed history of the family down to the period of the Revolution and to collect information regarding the service of the members of the family in the Revolution. With this end in view, as well as in order to learn all he could concerning his own ancestry in all ascending lines, he retained Mr. Eben Putnam to do systematic research, and about 1907 purchased of Mr. F. A. Holden the latter's manuscript history of the descendants of Richard and Justinian Holden. In 1912, in a letter to Mr. Raleigh

W. Holden of Honeoye Falls, N. Y., he writes as follows: "I am pleased to know you have been working up data on the Holden Family. I have been doing it for forty years or more. I have worked out the military history down to and including the Revolution and pretty much all of the landed history of the family in New England." He then adds his intention of making the material known. "I shall publish it as a monument to the family. . . . My work would be a complete history of the family in England and the United States, coming down to the time of the Revolution. I intend to devote all the time and money necessary to complete the work." In this letter he mentions the fact that Mr. Putnam<sup>1</sup> is still employed by him in this work.

But the following year, 1913, Mr. L. E. Holden died, so that he was unable to see the materialization of his plan.

Mr. Raleigh W. Holden had become interested in the family genealogy some time prior to 1911. He wrote to Mr. L. E. Holden and also corresponded with Mr. Putnam. From the latter he learned that he would be duplicating what had been already done if he attempted to construct the genealogy from the early days, but that it would be wiser for him to build on what had been completed, and to devote his energies to collecting information regarding the families of the present day and the generations which had come on to the stage since Mr. F. A. Holden's most active period of work.

These suggestions were adopted and met with the encouragement of Mr. L. E. Holden who, however, did not see fit at that time to place his own materials in the hands of Mr. Raleigh W. Holden, first desiring to see how successful he might be and also whether Mr. Putnam, who was incapacitated at the time, would be able to carry on the more personal work in which Mr. L. E. Holden was interested.

The location of Mr. Raleigh W. Holden in a small town in north-western New York, far from the great libraries and from the original records which are necessary for the construction of a genealogy, rendered his work one largely of correspondence, and that broken by the requirements of his business. He, however, did visit Boston and certain other places in New England, seeking genealogical information, and obtained many valuable records from Vermont and New Hampshire.

After the death of Mr. L. E. Holden, Mr. Raleigh W. Holden came to Cleveland and consulted the family of the former as to the possibility of his being entrusted with Mr. L. E. Holden's records and the completion of the genealogy. His earnestness and his enthusiasm lent compelling confidence, with the result that the entire collection was sent to his home in Honeoye Falls, with permission to use it in the large work he had undertaken.

<sup>1</sup> The statistical and genealogical data required for this "Preface" was furnished by Mr. Putnam.



Mr. R. W. Holden made extracts from the F. A. Holden manuscript, and to a considerable extent incorporated with these records what he had obtained by correspondence and through examination of printed books and original records; but at this point the United States entered the World War; Mr. Holden went to France with the Young Men's Christian Association, while there yet remained much ground to be covered to complete his compilation.

On his return in the summer of 1919, Mr. Holden took up his task with fresh zeal. He had the help of his wife and the support of his father who was deeply interested, and doubtless, had his life been spared, the work would have continued until such time as it was in shape for publication. This was not to be. Within a few weeks after his arrival in this country he was taken ill with pneumonia and died in October of the same year. This left the genealogy once more adrift.

As the writer had been in constant correspondence with Mr. Raleigh W. Holden, and as most of the records had belonged to her father, Mr. L. E. Holden, Mrs. Raleigh Holden consulted her as to what was best to be done with them. Feeling that the devotion and time given to the subject over a period of so many years by these early compilers should be brought to some fruition, and also because correspondence had revealed the fact that there were countless numbers of people of the name or of the line who were anxious to see the work in print, it was determined that it should be continued and brought to a conclusion with as much dispatch as possible. To this end and for these reasons, Mr. Eben Putnam whose work along genealogical lines is so well known, was re-engaged to complete and publish the book. As he had compiled the data concerning the early generations of the Richard and Justinian Holden lines for Mr. L. E. Holden, and so was already familiar with the subject, it seemed much the wisest course to turn the remainder of the work over to him.

It has proved a much larger task than at first estimated. In the effort to discover how completely the field had been covered, a circular letter was sent to all families enumerated in the records previously compiled, enclosing a list of the heads of these families and asking for names of individuals whom the recipients of the letter did not find included in the list. By this means about one thousand new names were acquired, showing the extent of the work still to be done. To get the data concerning all these families, it is estimated, will take one or two years more. It has been thought, therefore, best to complete the records of the generations through the Revolutionary War period which were so nearly finished, and publish these in a first volume without further delay.

The entire collection was placed in the hands of Mr. Putnam in

the summer of 1921. Mr. Putnam had been previously engaged to compile a sketch of the family of Randall Holden of Rhode Island, neither Mr. L. E. Holden nor Mr. R. W. Holden having devoted much attention to that interesting group. The present volume, the result of what was at first entered upon with merely the intention of assuming editorial duties proved to be what may truthfully be described as an entirely new compilation.

It has been found, through Mr. Putnam's investigations, that many families hitherto supposed to be connected with the parent stem of Richard and Justinian Holden were of distinct origin. There have been found several of the name in New England in the period prior to 1800, some quite early, who were emigrants from England or from Ireland, where there are many bearing the name. Also the New Jersey family has representatives in sections where some of the New England settlers are found. It was, in the early days of genealogical study, a common failing to attempt to find a common origin for all persons bearing the same surname. All the early compilers of the Holden Genealogy fell into this error, and the task of unraveling the entangled threads has been at times difficult. The present work will be found free from hazardous guesses, and a chapter in the second volume will be found devoted to a summary of families which have come to notice who are of other Holden stems.

Mention is due in this place of the coöperation of other members of the family, to whom credit is given in the footnotes. The late Austin Holden compiled a genealogy of the descendants of Captain Nathaniel Holden (1865), which has been incorporated in this work, and Mr. Roswell O. Holden has generously placed at Mr. Putnam's disposal his extensive collection of Holden material gleaned from Massachusetts printed town records and other sources. Mr. R. O. Holden's labors were unknown to the writer or to Mr. Putnam until after most of the present volume was in type, but his freely offered assistance meets with as ready appreciation.

The late Edward S. Holden, the astronomer, was much interested in the genealogy of the line of Justinian Holden, of Cambridge, Mass., and brother of Richard. He collected material, of which copies in part seem to have fallen into the hands of both Mr. F. A. Holden and Mr. R. W. Holden. Professor Holden long labored under the misapprehension that Justinian Holden came from Kent. Investigation carried on in England by Mr. Putnam twenty-five years ago proved his surmise incorrect, and though forced to give up this theory he printed in the *New England Historical Genealogical Register* for 1897 much material concerning the Kentish family, that it might be saved and made available.

In 1911, the record of the baptism of Justinian Holden was found in the very neighborhood where Mr. Putnam had thought the family

lived, at Lindsey, Suffolk, by Mr. J. Gardner Bartlett, who communicated the discovery to Mr. Putnam, and the latter placed this information in the hands of Mr. L. E. Holden who thereupon authorized a further examination of records to be made under Mr. Putnam's direction. This resulted in unearthing certain facts which, added to what was already in hand, led to the publication by Mr. Putnam of the article entitled, "Notes on the Genealogy of Richard and Justinian Holden," in the *Genealogical Magazine* for December, 1915.

Further information, gathered more recently under direction of Mr. Putnam, relating to English Holdens, is to be found in the Introduction to this volume.

In compiling this genealogical record there have been used not only the various town records, but county and state records. In footnotes, Massachusetts Archives are simply denoted by the word Archives, followed by volume and folio. Revolutionary Rolls is used to designate the printed records of Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution. Where the footnote refers to town records, it is to be understood that the records of that town in which the event occurred are intended. Where baptisms are given, the church being designated, it is understood that the church records are quoted. Vital Records refer to that series of publications subsidized by the Commonwealth, which, although not actual transcripts of the town record, are alphabetical summaries to 1850 of the town and church records and cemetery inscriptions, including many collections of genealogical data in private hands, usually entries in the family Bible. These volumes are not official, and errors are often met with, but usually the information given is correct.

It is not considered necessary to quote volume and page of probate records, nor case or file numbers in court records as a rule. Important deeds are quoted, volume and page, but it is not necessary to quote all such references, for the county records in Massachusetts are so admirably calendared that any one desiring to find the original record can easily do so, having the name of grantee or grantor.

Where reliance has been placed solely upon the manuscripts of Mr. F. A. Holden or Mr. R. W. Holden, or any other compiler of data, the reference is given, as F. A. Holden *Ms.*, or R. W. Holden *Ms.*, etc. Other references will be readily understood. So far as possible the genealogical matter has been condensed, important and necessary data in hand being given, so that the reader may learn the reason for accepting the facts in the manner presented.

Secondary or doubtful names of children are repeated in parenthesis, thus Mary (Polly). A date within parentheses following another date indicates that two authorities disagree. Important divergences are referred to original authorities.

There are many cases where the marriage record has not been



found, but the intention of marriage is of record. In such cases the date of the intention is given in parenthesis. The marriage usually followed in from one to three weeks. Ages at death are not always reliable, and many errors in dates are found on gravestones, but usually these are not serious.

Warnings from a town are not derogatory to the character of the intending resident. Each town carefully guarded its prerogative to prevent a settlement which might lead to town aid or support at a later date. From about 1700 to 1780 it was customary to "warn" or "caution" against all new comers, and these town warnings are of great value in tracing the migrations of a family. Where a purchase of lands was made and where the new comers possessed considerable property these steps were usually not taken.

In all probabilities, either through male paternal or maternal lines, every male Holden descending from the brothers Richard and Justinian is eligible to the Society of Colonial Wars, and the greater proportion to the Society of Sons of the American Revolution. Societies of like limitations are open to women. The references given in this volume should make it comparatively easy to supply the necessary proofs for those who care to take up their privileges.

The system of denoting place in the family is easily understood. Richard has the figure 1 and Justinian the figure 2. To Randall Holden has been given the letter R. The eldest child is 1, the next 2, and so on. Thus Justinian son of Richard is 12, he being the second child of the founder, and his eldest son, Samuel, is 121. In the case of children above the ninth, the letter J is used for 10, K for 11, L for 12. There are few instances of this kind. Ephraim (*Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), whose symbol is 193L, indicates that he is the twelfth child of the third child of the ninth child of the founder, Richard. It will be observed that the number of digits corresponds with the generation. The names in italic following the name are those of each ancestor in the male line. All descendants of Ephraim have the first four digits in the symbol the same. A Holden in the ninth generation meeting another of the same generation, without knowing the names of their ancestors, if recalling what their "number" was in this book, could determine their exact degree of relationship in less time than it takes to read these lines.

Only male lines are continued. The names of all grandchildren of a male Holden are given if known. The children of daughters appear under their mother's name. The same system of "numbering" applies to them. Thus if the daughter of 19356 is the fifth child, her number is 19356-5 and her fifth child would be 19356-55. A dash after a series of figures always indicates that the person is to be looked for under the person whose "number" precedes the dash. For easier reading of the numbers there is a period placed between

the fifth and sixth figure, thus 19562.35. The great majority of descendants of the Holden founders in this country are today in the eighth generation but there are a number in the tenth generation, and a few instances of the eleventh.

Maps will help in tracing the movements of the family. Richard and Justinian first settled along the border of Cambridge and Watertown, and in Woburn. The next generations are found in Groton, in Woburn and in Westminster, Concord and Sudbury, whence they spread to neighboring towns. Thence one line moved eastward, another northward, and another southward. Vermont became a favorite place of settlement. Northern and central New York attracted settlers soon after the Revolution, as did the northern and northwestern parts of Pennsylvania and adjoining parts of New York. Thence the tide of migration moved to Ohio and still further west. One branch of the family early sought more southern climes, but their descendants must not be confounded with the New Jersey-Carolina family nor with the New Jersey-Virginia family, nor with descendants of the many late emigrants to the middle and southern states. The descendants of Caleb (*John, Stephen, Richard*) form a large and influential group in the province of Ontario, with offshoots in Montreal and along our northern border south of the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes. California claims its share of representatives of every branch of the family.

ROBERTA HOLDEN BOLE.



# THE HOLDEN GENEALOGY

## INTRODUCTION

### ORIGIN AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NAME

In different parts of England from earliest times after contact with the Scandinavian conquerors, there were many individuals who for some reason or another had the appellation Halden or Holden. In some instances this was the name of certain localities, whence might have been taken the names of individuals living there. There were two or three origins for the name as a family name. Family names as such came into use at first among the upper classes and even then generally not until the thirteenth century. Gradually the custom spread to people of less consequence. It may be assumed that the ancestors of the Holdens in America, of whatever stock, belonged to families whose name became hereditary as early as the thirteenth or fourteenth century (1200 to 1400), and that the families this volume deals with can claim an hereditary name as early as any.<sup>1</sup>

We may also assume that most of the Lancashire Holdens derived their name from the first owners under the de Lacy family of the estate called Holden, and that the bearers of the name in Suffolk derived their name from progenitors who had in early days been called Holden or Halden as their sole name.

The occurrence of the name in Ireland (comparatively late) is undoubtedly due to migration thither after 1400 of persons of that name from England, the earliest migration perhaps from Lancashire, the later from any part of England; hence even the Irish families bearing the name may not have a common origin.

Intermarriage between persons of the same name but of different stocks is common, the possession of a similar name being in itself a magnet of some force, especially in new settlements, and intermarriage of the different families with other families of different names but inhabitants of the same territory has brought the same blood to many Holdens who are not connected on the paternal Holden line. Thus, all unconsciously, there has been a knitting together of these

<sup>1</sup> Vowels were given different values in different parts of Great Britain, and guesswork as to the origin of a name so generally distributed has little value. The letters *u* and *l* were interchangeable and *l* like *h* was sometimes silent. Thus we have the occasional variant of Hoden, Houden, and Hodeng, a spelling also perhaps derived from another source. There was a manor in Yorkshire known as Howden *alias* Holden or Houlden. In the time of Henry VII the manor belonged to the Bishop of Durham. Other spellings occurring, perhaps variations of other names than Holden as well, are Haldom and Holdom and Holdoyn, all in Norfolk; Hodin found in the city of London as well as in Essex, and Hodun and Houden found in Kent and in Yorkshire. William Haldone was killed early in the reign of Edward I. Haldan is also a Nottinghamshire name. Aylmer de Haldane of Glencagles, Perthshire, Scotland, was a baron of consequence in 1296. The name Haldane has long been honorably known in Scotland. The present Swedish name Holdén is pronounced Holdeén.

various tribes of Holdens through the centuries, as has been the case with all families long settled in the same communities.

Prior to 1600 the bearers of a family name not only had few occasions to write their own name, but usually could not do so. The name was spelled by clerks as seemed best to them to represent its sound, for it may be taken for granted that no attempt was made to consider its derivation and consequently correct spelling.

The name Holden appears in records during many centuries in several forms. We have at times the spelling Holden, Hollden,<sup>1</sup> Holldene, Houlden, Howlden, Holding, Houldeane, etc. The most common spelling is Holden and Holding, and these forms are used in the same places, at the same time, for the same person. The next common form is Houlden.

Students of nomenclature have given thought to the origin of the name. The suggestions are various, but unanimous in agreeing that it is derived from an ancient Scandinavian root. Lower, in 1849, gave *Hold*, a fortress or tenement, and *Holden*, a name probably corrupted from *Holding* in the latter sense, *i.e.*, possessing a tenement. In 1860 he advanced the suggestion that it came from a personal name. Harrison gives the name as English, belonging to Holden (Yorkshire, Lancashire, etc.), from old English *hol*, a hole, cave, den, hollow; and under Halden, a form found early in the east of England, which he describes as Scandinavian, he groups Haldane and Haldean, giving the meaning as shown by the proper name *Halfdane*, as half Danish, from *half-r* plus *Dan-r*, half Dane, indicating that the parents were Danish on one side. He instances as a proper name *Healfdene*, a pirate chief killed in 1011, and states that the modern Norwegian form is *Halvden*. Barber gives as an origin for a family name, the place Holden in Lancashire; and derivation from Swedish *Hollden*, and Danish *Holten*, a personal name, or old Norse *Halfdan*.

It is a fact that in the earliest appearance of the name in Lancashire it is already attached to a person, who was of Holden, but whether the man took his name from the place, or the place from the man is not determined. Holden was an estate, and not a large one at that, held of a manor, but may have been a manor itself in early times.

The Domesday survey found many individuals called Haldanus, Haldane and by other forms of the name. Haldein early occurred in Norfolk.<sup>2</sup> Later the names Holdenby and Holdenhurst are found.

The word *holt* in Anglo-Saxon signified a copse, and *den* in so-called

<sup>1</sup> Symon Hollden was assessed at Earls Colne, Essex, in the ship money tax of 1636, the only one of the name, under any spelling, found in that assessment in Essex.

<sup>2</sup> Hardwin "son of Haldein" held lands in Wickingham in time of Richard I, and Roger "son of Halden" held lands in Grimueston in that of King John (see *Norfolk Feet of Fines*). Richard Haldeyn was of Great Yarmouth 49 Edw. III. Many instances can be cited.

Celto-Saxon signified a deep wooded valley.<sup>1</sup> Not only are there many combinations of these words in family names found in England, but in Normandy, where the Danes settled, the word *holt*, a wood, is found, and from it are derived such place names as Terhoule (modern Theroude).

The name Holden, borne as a surname, has a wider distribution in England than commonly realized, and this is as true of the period prior to the emigration to New England in the seventeenth century, as later.

Guppy, in his excellent handbook, "Homes of Family Names," mentions the name as peculiar to Lancashire and Yorkshire, and its occurrence in Lincolnshire.<sup>2</sup> Concerning the name he says, "Lancashire is the great home of the Holdens. The ancient gentle family of the Holdens, of Holden in Haslingden, dates back to the thirteenth century; from it there branched off in the sixteenth century the Holdens of Todd Hall in the same parish. The Holdens of Ewood in Livesey date back to the reign of Henry VIII. The Holdens of Aston, Derbyshire, who go back to the beginning of the seventeenth century, may hail from the Lancashire stock." In his grouping of names found by taking landowners in the last century, he found that the name Holden occurred proportionately to 10,000 in the following ratios in the counties named: Lancashire 60, Yorkshire and West Riding 12, Suffolk 11, Lincolnshire 10. Unlike many of the names he has listed, he gives no suggestion as to the origin of the name.

It is possible if not probable that the Holdens of Suffolk derived their name from one cause and the Holdens of Lancashire from another. There appears no connection between the families nor between the families found in Suffolk and those found further south.<sup>3</sup> There is no proof that all the Holdens of Suffolk derived their name from the same ancestor nor should it be supposed that such was the case.

The early emigrants to New England, Richard and Justinian Holden of Massachusetts and Randall Holden of Rhode Island, were respectively from Suffolk and Lancashire. No kinship was ever claimed by the Massachusetts family with that of Rhode Island, if we except the tradition, which dates only from about 1814, that William, a supposed brother of Richard and Justinian, settled in

<sup>1</sup> A valued correspondent writes: "In some instances Holden may be a variant for Halden or Haldein, otherwise I consider the name means the 'dene,' a valley or dell lying in a noticeable hollow. The name appears more frequently in districts where the character of the land would seem to imply existence of sites where 'dene' may be found: Groton, Kersey and Lindsey lie in distinctly undulating areas."

<sup>2</sup> Among the Lincolnshire wills of the sixteenth and seventeenth century are many of testators bearing names Halden, Haldon, Halding, Alden, Holdinge, Holden, Houldon, Houlden, the last being the commoner spelling in the period 1600 to 1640.

<sup>3</sup> There occurs at Henfield, Sussex, the record of baptism of a Richard Holden, son of Charles Holden, 13 May, 1611. He was perhaps the man of that name, one of eight Holdens living there in 1641. It is unnecessary to state that this was not the emigrant. Twenty miles distant, just over the border of Sussex, at Tunbridge in Kent, there was a Laurence de la Holdene, whose will was proved in 1328. Nicholas Holden of either Sussex or Surrey was burned at the stake "an innocent," during the reign of Queen Mary, probably in 1558, a martyr for his religious opinions.



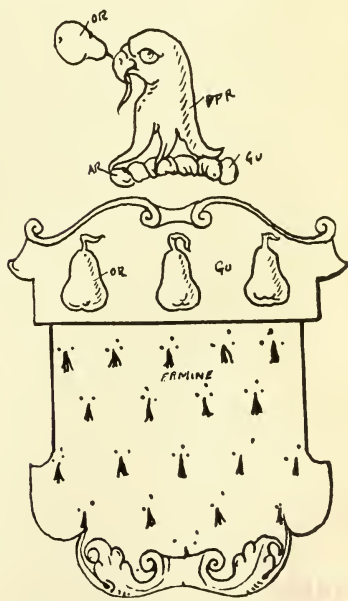
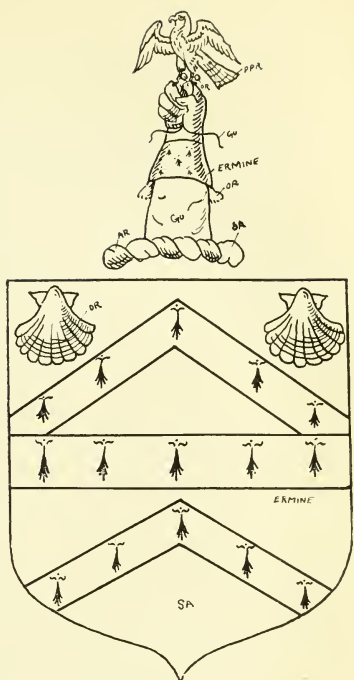
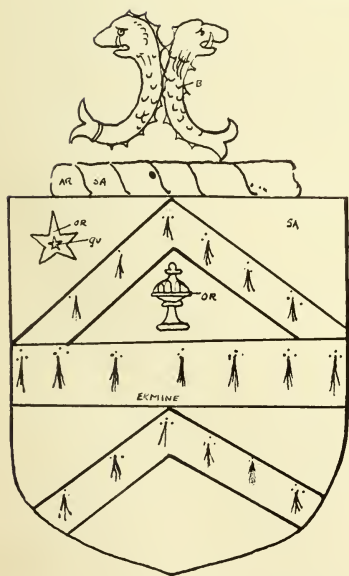
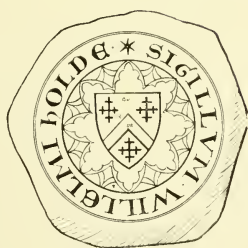
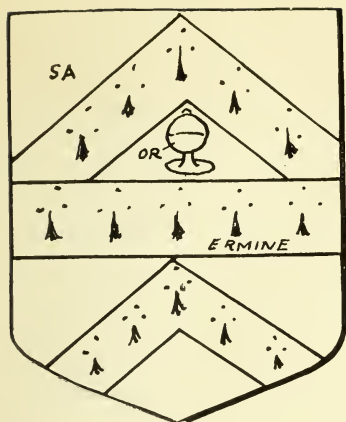
Rhode Island. This tradition was evidently due simply to the fact that it became known to the Stoneham family that one of the principal early settlers in Rhode Island was a Holden.

It is with considerable satisfaction that an American family points out the origin of the emigrant founder of the family. It is natural that pride should be felt in the respectable origin of a family. Seeking for that origin, whether it be in the great class of agriculturalists or in the commercial classes, or in the so-called gentle families, all of whom are with few exceptions derived from the former, is a peculiarity of Americans, who value worth and decent living above distinction founded on the accident of birth or on wealth alone.

Suffolk presents a county with numerous manors and innumerable small manors. The very heart of the early migration to New England, there is hardly a village but what can be claimed as the former home of some American family. The southern portion especially appeals to the New Englander, for in the valley of the Stour and along the little streams running into that river from both north and south, from Suffolk and Essex, came many of the men who shaped the destinies of the Puritan settlements. Groton, a few miles west of the town of Hadleigh, was the seat of the Winthrops, and from it came the name of Groton in Massachusetts, and immediately north of Groton is the small village of Lindsey. West of Lindsey are the two Waldingfields, Great and Little, whence came the Appletons, and immediately beyond is the town of Long Melford. Between Hadleigh and Lindsey lies Kersey; the manor of the same name, mostly within the bounds of the parish, now being part of the endowment of King's College, Cambridge. North of Lindsey is Semer and Monks Eleigh. Within a radius of four miles from Lindsey church are the villages and towns above mentioned, except Long Melford, and those of Brent Eleigh, Milden, Lavenham, Chelsworth, Kettlebaston, Watisham, Bildeston, Naughton, Nedging, Elmsett, Whatfield, Aldham, Layham, Boxstead, Polstead, Assington, Newton-by-Sudbury, Edwardstone — all places whence came many of the neighbors in New England of Richard and Justinian Holden.

Glemsford, a town of importance to those who would seek information concerning the Holdens, is but three miles northwest from Long Melford and ten west of Lindsey. Ipswich, the port whence the emigrants sailed for New England, is within fifteen miles by road.

Fifteen miles north northwest of Lindsey is Bury St. Edmunds, and a like distance north is the village of Tostock, seven miles east of Bury and but three miles south of Pakenham, Thurston being the only parish between. Pakenham is but five miles from Bury. These are the distances taken from parish church to parish church, the extent and shape of some of these parishes being such as to make residents in not adjoining parishes yet very near neighbors.



HOLDEN OF LANCASHIRE, 1 AND 3; OF ESSEX, 2; OF KENT, 4  
SEAL OF HOLDEN OF ASTON



The Holdens of Lancashire are too numerous for all to have derived their origin from a common ancestor of the thirteenth century, taking into account the comparatively slow increase in numbers to 1600 as compared with the period since. The Holdens of Sussex or nearby Kentish localities are probably the progenitors of the Holdens who early settled in southern New Jersey, from whom descend the so-called Cape May family, many of those bearing the name in the Carolinas, Virginia and Pennsylvania and in parts settled from those older locations, not overlooking the fact, however, that many of the name from New England also settled in those same regions, especially immediately after the American Revolution. William Holden held lands in Stopham, Sussex, prior to 1428, and from 43 Edward III to 4 Richard II (1369-1380) one William de Haldenne, alderman and recorder of London, held lands in Kent, at Rochester, Bixle, and elsewhere. See also mention below.

### ARMORIAL FAMILIES

Several families bearing the patronymic Holden have come into more or less prominence in England.

Domesday does not disclose any person bearing the name Halden or Holden among the tenants-in-capite, nor among the under tenants at the time of the Survey, but the names Haldenus, Haldeinus, Halden, Haldene, Haldenus, were borne by ten men who held land in King Edward's time which later fell to the conquering Normans. These persons lived in the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Somerset, Cheshire, Nottingham, Yorkshire, Berkshire. No less than four were residents of Suffolk.

These names are not found among those listed in the later rolls of tenants holding of the crown who were called on to pay the assessments, etc., known collectively as Feudal Aids. Hence it is evident that none of the name from the time of King Edward to at least 1400 held lands directly of the king, or was among the chief land-owners.

Families bearing the name coming into prominence at a later period must necessarily have sprung from progenitors who during the three centuries following the Norman Conquest were quietly making their own place in the world.

Apparently the most numerous and most important family of the name was that settled in Lancashire from the thirteenth century. Allied with the above family and also others probably of independent origin were families in the neighboring county of Yorkshire, in Derbyshire and Cheshire, and Denbigh in Wales.

The Kentish family of the name is of distinct origin, as were the

Suffolk and Essex people, who may form one group or who may descend from several original bearers of the name, of no kin to one another; this being especially true if we accept Halden as the earlier form of Holden.

In those parts of Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire which butt on Suffolk and Essex, families bearing the name are also found, and presumably the name came to them as it did to their neighbors and perhaps kin in Suffolk and Essex. South of London, in Sussex and in Surrey, were other families.

Many members of these families, though not recorded in the heraldic visitations, are found described as "gentlemen." Some of these families acquired prominence. Among these are those who have right to coat armor, and these will now be mentioned, with some account of their probable origin.<sup>1</sup>

The distinctive feature of six coats of arms which appear in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, borne by truly armigerous families of the name, is the occurrence of ermine or erminois, which appears on the field or charge of all but one of the coats, the exception being a coat given by Dugdale to Holden of Aston, a different coat from that which appears in the Visitation of 1663 for the same family, and which Dugdale may have considered to be wrongfully used by them.

The earliest of this group of arms is that ascribed in the Visitation of 1567, and again in 1613 and in 1664-1665, to the family of Holden of Holden, Lancashire. It was described by the Heralds of 1613 as: *Sable, a fess between two chevrons Ermine, between the fess and upper chevron a covered cup Or. Crest: A pheasant proper.*

These arms were claimed by Robert Holden, who signed the pedigree of 1613, and who was then the recognized head of the family seated at Holden which claimed descent from Adam de Holden. This branch of the family were Papists.

The present family of Holden of Holden are descended from a sister of a Robert Holden, the last male in this line, who died in 1792. Her descendants took the name Holden, but bear as their arms, *Argent, an escutcheon between six eaglets Gules.*

Representatives in the direct male line of the ancient family of Holden of Holden are today found in Lancashire and in America, who, if able to prove their descent, are entitled to bear the arms which appear in the Visitation of 1613.

In the year 1663, heraldic visitations were made in Kent and Derby. The following arms were granted that year to Robert Holden of Hockeridge in Cranbrook, Kent: *Ermine, on a chief Gules three pears slipped Or.*

<sup>1</sup> Other users of coats of arms ascribed to Holden will be found in Burke, all of late date, but apparently assumed without authority, or of late grant or confirmation.



The arms borne by this Kentish family appear on a silver tankard owned by Phineas Holden (21-8) of Norwich, Connecticut, engraved about 1735-1750, and adopted probably because of an obscure tradition that the New England family had come from Kent. Professor Edward S. Holden contributed an article on this subject to *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. 50, p. 297, where a drawing of the silver tankard is reproduced.

The Visitation of 1663 found a family seated at Aston in Derbyshire descended from one Robert Holden of that place, who died in 1659 and who had brothers, and whose father was Henry Holden of Wilne in the time of Queen Elizabeth. The representative of this family claimed, (*Sable*) *A fess between two chevrons Ermine*, but could give no proof to his right to those arms. Dugdale has ascribed to this family the arms, *Gules, a chevron between three crosses crosslet Or*. It is probable that the Aston family attained consequence after the restoration and may have had some tradition that they were descended from Holden of Holden which led them to use the arms of that family but without the cup. However this may be, the marriage in 1742 of Mary, daughter and heiress of Robert Holden, to James Shuttleworth carried the estate to the Shuttleworth family. Two of her sons assuming the name Shuttleworth-Holden, continued to use a coat nearly the same as that described in 1663, viz.: *Sable, a fesse engrailed, Erminois, Or, between two chevrons Ermine*. Crest: *A moor cock rising Sable, winged Or*. This coat is sufficiently different to distinguish between the families seated at Aston and Holden, yet so far alike as to convey the suggestion that they were originally one. Unfortunately genealogy is full of such pretensions, pitfalls for the unwary.

Two other armigerous families, Holden of Darley Abbey, Derby, and of Nuttall Temple, Notts, are descended from the Holdens of Aston, and bear the same arms, there being some differences in the detail of the crest.

The family of Holden of Wednesbury, Staffordshire, the founder appearing to be George Holden of that place, born 1580, died 1640. sent an offshoot to Daventry in Northamptonshire, one branch of which is known as the Rose-Holden family. This family, which probably did not claim coat armor until 1600 or later, bore: *Vert, a bar Erminois between two pheons erect in chief and a bugle horn strung in base Or*.

The same arms, but with a different crest, were granted in 1791 to William Holden of a Worcestershire family, claiming descent from Holden of Wednesbury.

There was a family of Holden in Erdington, Warwickshire, which receives extended treatment at the hands of Dugdale in his history

of that county.<sup>1</sup> Descent is derived through many generations from Holdwinus living in the time of Henry II, and is doubtless correctly given for the period from the time of Henry VII. The arms used by this family are the same as ascribed to Holden of Aston by Dugdale, and appear on the monument of Humphrey Holden, who died in 1641. The arms sometimes ascribed to this family are actually the arms granted to Rev. William Lucas Holden (born 1752) who was not a descendant of the ancient Erdington family, on his assumption of the name Rose,<sup>2</sup> as mentioned on the preceding page. The name has had an independent existence in Warwickshire from ancient times.<sup>3</sup>

From the time of the Tudors the assumption of or grant of arms to a person obtaining a certain degree of preferment or success in life rarely implied a detailed knowledge of his ancestry, and was in most cases made use of to claim unproved ancestry or kinship with ancient families with whom no connection could be proved. The same thing is done today by persons who adopt the arms of some family of similar or of the same name, no connection being known or established, and to which of course they have no more legal or moral right than has one business house to use or copy the trade-mark of another.

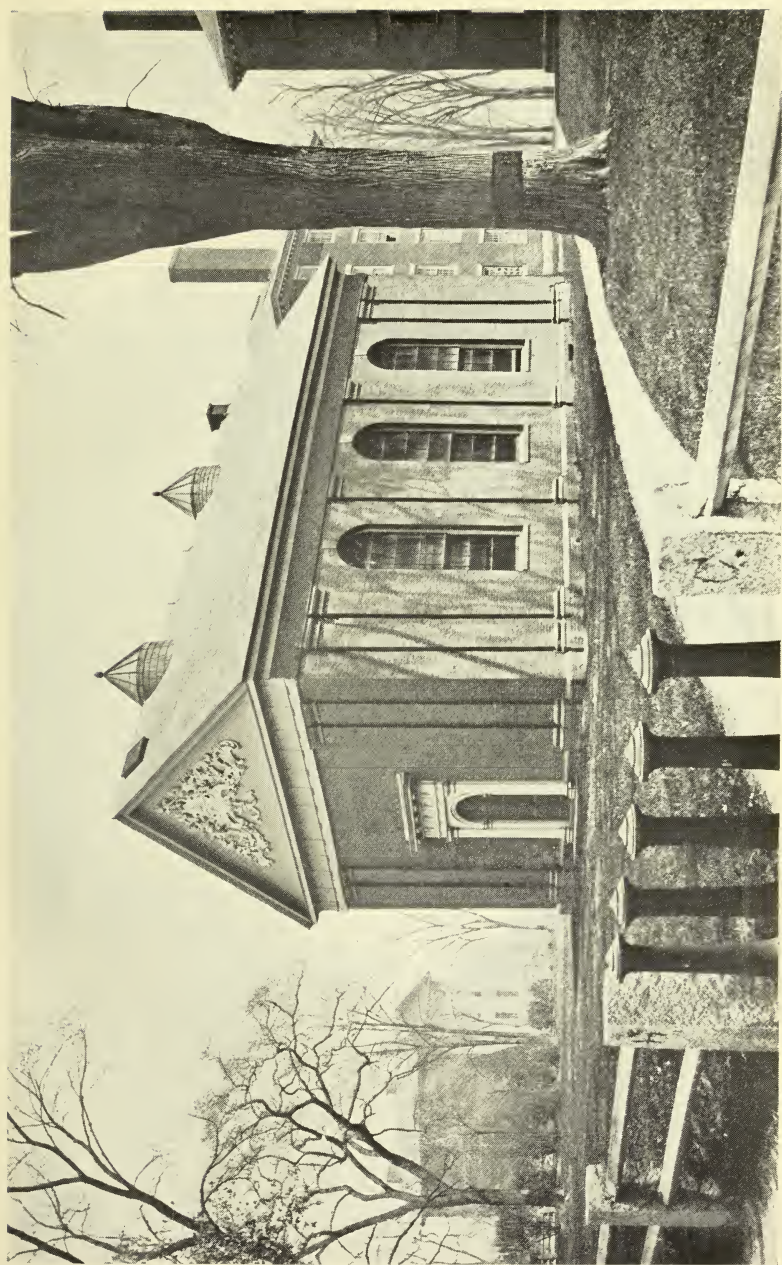
So far as known, no person named Holden living prior to 1640 in Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk or Lincolnshire established his right to coat armor, or even used coat armor, except John Holden or Houlden of Raynham, Essex, whose daughter Elizabeth was wife of Thomas Frith of Sonnings in Upminster, Essex. The Visitation of Essex in 1612 shows the pedigree of Frith with grant to John Frith in that year of a coat of arms, Frith empaling Holden, the latter being, *Sable, a fess between two chevrons Ermine, in chief two escallops Or.* The crest was, *A sun in his glory Or.* The families of the name in those counties had representatives fully equal in intelligence and worth with representatives of the name in other counties. They did not acquire property to the same extent, nor apparently aspire to place among the "county families." This was perhaps due to the more industrial nature of the population of the eastern counties, and that conditions which served to confer a certain amount of distinction on families in the more remote parts were of less consequence in the more populous parts of the country nearer the metropolis, and also from the fact that the Puritan element was much stronger in these parts and was less inclined to claim heraldic and social distinction or to receive it from the Court party.

Of a later period was Samuel Holden, of Roehampton, Surrey, long recognized as one of the most prominent members of the dis-

<sup>1</sup> Vol. I, p. 893

<sup>2</sup> See *The Genealogist*, 7: 31.

<sup>3</sup> There was an Adam Haldeyn, son of Richard of Coventry, who had rents in Coventry about the time of the second or third Edward, and about the same time Thomas son of Thomas Haldeyn held a messuage in Coventry. See Ancient Deeds A6424, 6887, 11136.



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senting churches in Great Britain. He was known throughout New England for his benevolences through his friend, Reverend Benjamin Colman of Boston. These donations during his life reached £5,000, a sum doubled by his widow and daughters. The town of Holden in Worcester county, Massachusetts, established in 1740, was named in his honor. He was a man of the highest character, a merchant, and later Governor of the Bank of England and a member of Parliament. After his death, which took place 12 June, 1740, his widow gave £400 to Harvard College<sup>1</sup> for the purpose of erecting a chapel. This was done in 1742 and the building, still standing, called Holden Chapel.<sup>2</sup> Over the west door is carved an elaborate shield exhibiting the same arms as used by the family of Holden of Lancashire. Samuel Holden may have been of that stock, but his ancestry is traced only to his grandfather, Reverend George Holden, rector of Ross, near Hull, Yorkshire, in the latter part of the reign of Elizabeth. The clergyman's son, Joseph Holden, was a haberdasher in London, and died in 1683, leaving a will proved 13 Nov., 1683. He was twice married. His widow married 28 Jan., 1689, Thomas Parkhurst of St. Mary Colechurch, London, stationer. Samuel Holden, son of Joseph, married Jane, who survived him, and had three daughters, Priscilla, Jane and Mary, all named in his will,<sup>3</sup> by which he directed that his personal estate above £60,000 should be devoted to benevolent uses in England or New England. Mary, the youngest daughter, married John Jolliffe and thus became the ancestress of Lord Hylton of Radstock.<sup>4</sup>

### THE HOLDENS OF SUFFOLK

In Suffolk, at the time William the Norman seized the throne of England, there were freeholders bearing the name Halden.<sup>5</sup> This we are assured of by the Domesday Survey of 1086, which records that in the time of King Edward certain lands as a manor were held by Halden, "a Saxon," in Letheringham. Other Haldens are named as freemen and socmen holding lands in Edward's time in Shadingfield, Finsford, Foxhall, Thorpe Hasketon, Thorington and Wrentham.

As we have shown in the section dealing with the origin of the name, Halden and Haldein are older forms of the present Holden.

In course of time even if the name was unknown to the Normans, the increase in numbers and in wealth, the amalgamation of the

<sup>1</sup> In or about 1764 Hurd engraved a bookplate for the use of Harvard College and although the college seal never was officially so described or used, incorporated a crest, the "sun in his splendor," being as it happens, the same, but without the three volumes, as the crest used by Frith of Essex as described above. It also appears in the Vassall arms.

<sup>2</sup> Foundation laid June, 1742. Chapel completed February, 1744. (See Diary of Edward Augustus Holyoke.)

<sup>3</sup> *Waters' Gleanings*, I: 509.

<sup>4</sup> Letter of Lord Hylton, 1907.

<sup>5</sup> In the time of King John a messuage in Gorleston, Suffolk, and lands there were held of the king by one Robert Haledeyn. Gorleston is in the extreme northeastern corner of Suffolk near Yarmouth in Norfolk, where the name Holden is early found.

older stock with the newcomers' descendants, brought many of the old Saxon names into prominence, and like other names they became hereditary. It cannot be said with certainty that the progenitors of the first Haldens, Holdeyns, and Holdens we find using those family names, were Saxon or Danish in race, but we find the name is a fairly representative one in Suffolk in the sixteenth century, borne by individuals in several parishes, undoubtedly descendants of one or more of those persons whose existence two and three centuries earlier has been revealed by examination of ancient records.

Of the Suffolk families two groups, the Tostock-Thurston and the Lindsey-Groton families, were related. The exact relationship is not clear because of failure as yet to learn the names of the parents of William Holden, Sr., of Lindsey, and of the two clergymen, the brothers William Holden, vicar of Pakenham, and Richard Holden, rector of Tostock. In Groton lived the Winthrop family, the manor belonging at the time of the migration to John Winthrop, leader of the great migration of 1630, and first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. In Thurston and Pakenham lived the Bright family, and at the time of the migration Netherall manor in those parishes was in possession of Thomas Bright, whose nephew Henry accompanied Winthrop to New England, and settled in Watertown. In 1630 it is supposed that William Holden of Lindsey and Groton had been dead several years, as had the Reverends William and Richard Holden, and at that time the sole surviving male representative of the Thurston families was James Holden. He had inherited from his uncle and brothers what realty they had possessed, and was for the place and times a well-to-do man and of some local consequence.

Adam Holden, who was undoubtedly the "Kinsman Holden" named in the will of John Holden, the brother of James, received a legacy from their mother.

The family tradition asserts that the emigrants had a brother Adam, a fact established by the discovery of the baptism of a son of that name to William the father of the emigrants. The tradition also names a James Holden as interfering to save the emigrant brothers from the consequences of their attending a nonconformist meeting. Even as the penalty threatening the youths is exaggerated in the tradition, so too is the social position of their deliverer; but here in these two groups of families we find the conditions upon which the tradition was based, and nowhere else in Suffolk could these conditions be duplicated.

It is therefore evident that Richard and Justinian Holden were known to the Tostock family, and that their brother Adam probably became a member of the family of the widow Margerie Holden, perhaps after his father's second marriage.

The progenitors of this family because of the long continued existence of the name in the vicinity are to be sought in the region between Bury St. Edmunds and the River Stour, the southern boundary of Suffolk.

## THE HOLDENS OF GROTON AND VICINITY

In the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries there was seated in the region adjacent to Groton, a family bearing the name Holdeyn or Holden. The non-existence of records which would afford information concerning successive generations of persons who may have lived during that period precludes the presentation of more than selected facts gleaned from records which have survived the ravages of time.

Robert Holdeyn<sup>1</sup> held of the manor of Groton, as tenant of Ralph de Berners, certain lands which were held of him by other tenants. This was in or not later than 1286.

There is an earlier mention of one Ralph de Hodeng,<sup>2</sup> elsewhere described as Holdeng, who with Thomas de Lascelles purchased in 1247 land in Swynland of Adam de Cokefeld,<sup>3</sup> of that family which held lands in Groton, Lyndsey and Kersey, as mentioned below.

Groton in Suffolk, England, from which Groton in Massachusetts obtained its name, is a village in the southern central part of the county, about fifteen miles from Ipswich and about four or five miles from the River Stour, which separates Suffolk from Essex, and a trifle less distant from the town of Hadleigh. Within a radius of about three miles are the whole or parts of the parishes, circling from east to south, of Hadleigh, Layham, Boxford, Assington, Newton, Edwardstone, Great and Little Waldingfield, Milden, Brent and Monk Eleigh, Semer, Lindsey, and Kersey.

In the northern part, next to Kersey, was a small manor known as Castelyns. This name survives in Castlings Heath and Hall. In the time of Edward I this manor was held of the Priory of Kersey by Sir Gilbert Castelyn, who died in 1293.

Groton, the main manor, in early times was held by the Monks of Bury St. Edmunds, and was leased to Robert de Cokefield, whose son and successor, Adam de Cokefield, died about 1209. His only

<sup>1</sup> In 18 Edward II (1324-1325) there was a Sir Robert de Holden, comptroller of the King's Household (*Wardrobe Accounts* in *Proc. Soc. of Antiquaries*, Vol. 122), and the following year he was commissioned by the King as custodian of the castle of Hasting (*Abb. Rot. Orig.*, 290: 304).

<sup>2</sup> Ralph de Hodeng as his name usually appears, was however also known as Ralph de Holdeng, and under the latter name witnessed a grant by Lascelles of lands in Bekensfeld (Beaconsfield, Bucks) in the reign of Henry III (*Ancient Deeds*, A. 29). This Ralph is said to have married one of the daughters and coheirs of Walter de Wyndlesore, but Morant in *History of Essex*, asserts Philip married the heiress and that Ralph was his son, and that the last named died in 1247. However this may be, the other daughter of Walter de Wyndlesore married Duncan Lascelles. By these marriages Lascelles and Holdeng came into possession of lands in Beaconsfield and other places. The Holdeng, or as the name now was usually spelled Hodeng, family remained in Great Maplestead and Heveringham, Essex, until the early part of the fourteenth century, when their manors and other estate passed by failure of male heirs to the Underwood family. The name often appears as Hoddynge, and sometimes the h is missing. Morant gives as arms of Hodeing: *Gules, a bend vaire, Azure and Argent, within a bordure of the same.*

<sup>3</sup> Feet of Fines, Suffolk, 1247, No. 40 31 Henry III.



child, the Lady Nesta, also held the manors of Cokefield and Semer. She died in or about 1248, childless though thrice married, and her manors fell to her cousins, one of whom, Ralph de Berners, having one third bought another third part, and having to maintain his title against the Abbot of St. Edmunds, who during the last hours of the Lady Nesta by the connivance of her husband had intruded upon the manor of Groton, succeeded in establishing his right by wager of battle before the justices of the King's Court at Westminster. This was prior to Jan., 1291,<sup>1</sup> and probably in 1286.

Nevertheless De Berners released to the Abbot his two thirds of the manor, and the manor remained in the hands of the monks until the dissolution of the monasteries in the time of Henry VIII, when it was sold to John Winthrop, a successful clothier of London, in whose family it remained until sold by John Winthrop, the first governor of Massachusetts Bay, in 1631.

There is extant a copy of the "Iter" of Solomon of Rochester who made in the course of his circuit a list of the tenures held of the Honor of Clare, the fourteenth and fifteenth year of the reign of Edward I (1286). The entries for the hundreds in Suffolk composing the Liberty of St. Edmund have been copied into more than one of the cartularies of the Abbey, and another appears in the Book of Tenures of the Honor of Clare. This latter is of later date than the former, and the spelling of names follows the Elizabethan style. In the earlier copy occur the names of Robert and John Holdeyn, but in the latter the name appears as de Holden. The former style is to be preferred.

The entry is as follows: "They say that Robertus Holdeyn holds of Sir Ralph de Berners a messuage ten acres of land and pays the said Ralph for himself and his tenants below written, holding their tenements of him yearly 3 sh. 4 pence, and that he does suit of court every three weeks. And this belongs to the tenement of the said Sir Ralph de Berners in the suit which is of the aforesaid fee of Clare.

"In Linsey which is of the above fee of Clare

John Poer held of the same Robert 1½ acres and rent per annum 5 pence.

Roger Drury held of the same Robert 2 acres and rent to the same Robert per annum 3 pence.

Robert le Seriaunt held of the same Robert 2½ acres and rent to the same Robert per annum 8 pence.

Gilbert le Chasteleyn held of the same Robert 5 acres and rent to

<sup>1</sup> License was granted to the Abbot and Convent to retain the manor released to them by de Berners, 8 Jan., 1291 ((Cal. Patent Rolls, 1281-1292, p. 414). The charter of Ralph de Berners, knight, undated, releasing to the Abbot of St. Edmunds two thirds of the manors of Groton and Semer, and that of John, son of Bartholomew de Crek, releasing his purparty to de Berners, is found in the Cartulary of the Cellarer of St. Edmunds (Records of the Duchy of Lancaster, Misc., Book 5).



the same Robert per annum 18 pence and the said Robert held this of the heirs of Peter de la Tye of Linsey and it is of the fee of Clare.

Simon de Illeye held of the same Robert  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre pasture and rent to same Robert per annum 1 penny, and it is of the fee of Clare.

Thomas Aunsel held of the same Robert  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres and rent to same Robert per annum 3 pence.

Heirs of Roger Grey held of the said Robert 1 acre and rent to the same Robert per annum 2 pence, and it is of the fee of Clare.

Heirs of said Roger held of said Robert 1 acre and rent per annum 2 pence.

John Holdeyn held of Hervey son of Adam 2 acres and rent per annum to the same Hervey 6 pence."

The Honor of Clare, of which the lands held by the Holdens were a part, appertained to the Earls of Clare, whose principal seat in early days was at Clare in Suffolk. The holder of the title in the time of Edward I was Gilbert de Clare, seventh Earl of Hertford and third Earl of Gloucester, who successively married Alice, neice of the King of France, and Joan of Acre, daughter of Edward I.

It appears from this ancient record<sup>1</sup> that Robert Holdeyn held of the fee of Clare, through de Berners and Tye, 15 acres, part if not all being in Lyndsey. It is possible that these holdings were of the manor held by Kersey Priory.

The name of the founder and the date of foundation of the Priory are unknown. A small establishment of Austin canons, it is first mentioned in 1219. Among the chief benefactors of the Priory was the Lady Nesta de Cokefield already mentioned. Her first husband, Thomas de Burgh, granted to the Priory all his patrimony in Lindsey. Lady Nesta gave her mills in Cokefield, Lindsey and Kersey. The manor was not a large one. Some of the manor rolls are still extant. Castelyns manor in Groton may also have been held of the Priory.

The main manor of Kersey was held by the Plantagenet and Holland Earls of Kent, and in connection with the lands of Countess Alice there occurs a further mention of one of the Holden name. Prior to his time however, the records known as the Feet of Fines, so called from a legal proceeding necessary to convey title to lands, disclose the existence of Simon Holdeyn in 1357 and of William de Halden in 1375, in the immediate vicinity of Groton.<sup>2</sup>

In the spring of 1357, Simon Holdeyn and Alice his wife in consideration of 100 marks silver sold to John Curteys and John Arundel a messuage, 60 acres land, 6 acres meadow, 3 acres pasture, 6 acres aldergrove, 7 shillings rent, one half acre wood, and one third a mill,

<sup>1</sup> The Hengrave Hall copy is here followed. The later copy is in Misc. Book 14, No. 8, Records Duchy of Lancaster, P. R. O. A copy in Register Lakingheth of St. Edmunds Abbey, is Harl. Ms. 743.

<sup>2</sup> In 1349 the devastation caused by the "Black Death" was unusually severe in Suffolk. That epidemic is said to have destroyed half the population of England.

all situated in Polsteade and Boxford. The new owners were given a warranty against the heirs of Alice, thus showing it was her inheritance which was conveyed.<sup>1</sup> She was perhaps one of three heiresses to this property.

Polsteade as well as Boxford is to the south of Groton. The very unusual series of manor rolls which still exist, although inspected for many courts, fail to reveal the presence of Holdens holding of that manor.

In February, 1375, William de Halden and Gilbert Champeneys, John Ussher, and Thomas Pateshull purchased of Ralph Aslaky and Alice his wife a third part of the manor of Newton, giving therefor one hundred marks. Ussher was probably the principal party in this transaction, but the association of William de Halden, which is another form of the name Holden, in the list of grantees shows that he was a person of responsibility.<sup>2</sup>

No trace has been found of the residence in Newton of a family of Holden. As that parish is only six or seven miles southeast from Glemsford, it might very well be that William de Halden was connected with the family that appears in that parish in the following century and whose name was attached to a certain close there as late as 1620, long after any of the family were connected with the parish.

Allusion has already been made to the fact that the Earls of Kent possessed an estate in Kersey and vicinity. In the latter part of the reign of Richard II his half-brother, Thomas de Holland, was Earl of Kent. Thomas died in 1397, and in the 21-22 Richard II (1397-1398) the accounts of the steward for the "lands of Alice, Countess of Kent"<sup>3</sup> in Kersey show that in 1395-1397 Richard Holdeyn was bailiff (an important township and manorial official, chosen for his local knowledge, responsibility and administrative ability), succeeding Gregory Cailly, and was followed by Robert Wolfard. For the year 1395-1396 Richard was in arrears for uncollected assessments or rents amounting to £8-8-2½, and the following year for 30 shillings 10 pence, and this arrearage was still uncollected in 1399.

The Countess Alice mentioned above, whose bailiff Richard Holdeyn was, was wife of Earl Thomas, the son of the "Fair Maid of Kent", wife of Edward the Black Prince.

Kersey at this time was the seat of a thriving woolen industry. In the accounts of the estate of the Countess Alice mention is made of the Cloth Hall there.

The general character of the district of Kersey and Lindsey is

<sup>1</sup> Feet of Fines, Suffolk, Case 221, file 90, No. 41, 31 Edward III. The date was "within three weeks of Easter."

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.* Case 222, file 99, 49 Edward III. The abstracts only are used.

<sup>3</sup> P. R. O., Ministers Accounts, 100 1-2.

undulating and at times hilly. Where the site is conspicuous, in early days castles as at Lindsey and Gilden were erected, and churches as at Kersey, and the priory at Kersey and the wayside chapel as at Lindsey were founded.

The village of Kersey is one of the most picturesque in Suffolk. It lies on the two inclines between the old Priory and the church and is intersected by the valley through which a stream flows whose waters were most necessary for the manufacture of the Kersey and Lindsey cloths so famous from the earliest days till late in the eighteenth century.

The population for centuries consisted of generation after generation of weavers and skilled artisans connected with the clothing industry. Their ancient homesteads still line the village street.

In 1448 the manor of Kersey Priory was granted to King's College, Cambridge, by Henry de Grey, Lord Powis, and that college still holds the manor.

Another manor in Kersey was Sampsons, held by a family of that name in 1382, and for three centuries thereafter, and in modern times was described as the manor of Lillesley and Sampsons Hall in Kersey, with lands extending into the parishes of Semer, Whatfield, Lindsey, Boxford, and Groton.

From what has been told above it is evident that there was a family of Holdens residing in one or more of the three parishes, Groton, Kersey and Lindsey, and because of the interlocking character of the extent of the manors in those towns, a resident of any one of them might be a tenant or a freeholder in the manor of which the seat might be in another parish than that of their residence. In 1327 a subsidy was granted of one twentieth the rents and goods of the inhabitants. About eleven thousand persons were assessed in Suffolk, which included probably all but the lowest class of laborers and people of very limited possessions indeed, and indicates a population of about sixty thousand for the whole county. In this subsidy the name Holden does not appear in western Suffolk, except in Lindsey, where among the seventeen persons assessed occurs the name of Costent Holdeyn, who paid fifteen pence. The total amount assessed in the parish was forty shillings, and four persons paid less than Costent. The largest assessment was that of John atte Tye, who paid three shillings, one penny.<sup>1</sup>

The next subsidy which is of sufficient extent to be relied upon for a census of the inhabitants, is that of 1524, when every one over the age of sixteen years and earning wages of at least one pound, or having any estate, thus including laborers and servants, was assessed,

<sup>1</sup> The income of a prosperous yeoman of this period, who was comfortably housed and who lived as well as the local resources allowed although simply, was about £5 a year. The "gentleman" of the same period lived no better, and was often content with an income of £10 or £20.

with the intention of raising every penny possible. About seventeen thousand persons were listed, indicating a population of about eighty thousand. The population increased but slowly. In 1603, at time of the marriage of the parents of the emigrants Richard and Justinian Holden, there were reported sixty-five thousand, three hundred and sixteen communicants, indicating a population of about ninety-five thousand. Twenty-five years later there were but one hundred forty thousand inhabitants.

In this subsidy we find in western Suffolk two persons bearing the name Holden: William of Glemsford, who paid four pence, and who was one of the three employees of John Golden the elder. The other was John Holden of Groton, of whom hereafter.

In Glemsford the latter half of the fifteenth century was one John Holden, who on making his will,<sup>1</sup> 21 March, 1472, styled himself "senior." His will, proved 13 April, 1473, witnessed by Thomas Holden, John Holden,<sup>2</sup> and Robert Robynson, mentions his wife Anne, and his children, Margaret, Richard, Thomas the elder, Henry, Thomas the younger and John. He also mentions Alice and godson John Holden, who were undoubtedly his grandchildren. Among other bequests were to the church, to certain establishments of Friars, and for mending the road before his gate, and legacies were given to Agnes and John Wolfe, Anne Heyward, Richard Frances. William Royal, perhaps a brother of the testator's wife, was nominated as executor with the testator's wife. He held, in addition to his home tenement, Constans, given to his elder son Thomas, and Turpytts, the latter being given to his son John. He may well have been the first of his name to settle in Glemsford, and the John Holdeyn who with John Daldeyn (perhaps an error of Haldeyn, thus indicating two of the name, contemporaries) witnessed in 1447 the will of John Fryotthe of Glemsford. In 1462 John Holdeyn was executor of the will of James Sewyn of the same place.

John Holden, "junior," of Glemsford, made his will 20 June, 1474, and it was proved 22 September following. He named his wife Agnes and daughter Alice, and nominated his wife and John Holden "senior" executors. He also left various pious bequests. To his wife Agnes he gave his croft called "Tonpitts," probably identical with the tenement called Turpitts in his father's will, unless the testator was the grandson rather than the son of John who died in 1473.

The last of the family in Glemsford, of whom we have any probate record was Thomas Holden, husbandman, whose will<sup>3</sup> dated 5 Oct., 1506, was proved 23 March, 1506. He named his children, Rose, (who was living at her father's house) William and John. William Holden

<sup>1</sup> Bury wills.

<sup>2</sup> These names may be those of two of the sons, as at that time disability to inherit was not created by witnessing a will. But the will of John Holden 1474, styled "junior," shows there was another of the name

<sup>3</sup> The earliest Holden will at Bury written in English.



of Glemsford, tailor, was nominated executor, who was to sell the house and lands, the proceeds if any after payment of his debts to be divided between his sons.

William Holden of Glemsford, the tailor above mentioned, was witness to the will of John Smith in 1479, and was probably deceased prior to 1522.

The will of John Eyre of Glemsford made in 1483 named his sister Rose Holden and his children John, Thomas and William, from which it is to be deduced that Thomas Holden had wife Rose to whom he had been married earlier, about 1478,<sup>1</sup> and that he himself was born about 1455.

It is probable that the William Holden assessed in the subsidy of 1524 was son of Thomas who died in 1506, and it is not beyond possibility that John of Groton may have been his brother. However this may be, we learn from a muster of 1522, which is more complete than the subsidy of 1524, that Thomas Holden<sup>2</sup> of Glemsford, rated at five marks, was liable for militia duty. And from a survey of Glemsford manor, made in 1621 by John Norden and his son, it is learned that John Strutt, one of the copyholders of the manor, occupied two closes of pasture divided into three, called "Howldings," and that Francis Johnson, another copyholder, held a close of arable land next Betnes Wood Croft, "late of William Holden," and that William Kerington held an acre in a close called "Holdens."

"Late of William Holden" does not necessarily mean that William was the immediate former possessor, and in fact as he is not mentioned in any of the subsidies which have come down to us, not even in that of 1610, nor the very complete one of 1568, it follows that his occupancy might well have been of the time of the William assessed in the subsidy of 1524. Moreover, whenever it was, the association of the name Holden with the land conveys the impression that it had either very early been in possession of persons of that name, or had been associated with more than one generation of persons bearing the name. A casual or brief tenancy would hardly have given the property the name of its occupier. These local names for tenements and closes are usually continuation of names found associated with them in the early court records, for these copyhold lands passed from one generation to another, under certain conditions, as did freeholds.

The muster roll already quoted, that of 1522, discloses in Groton a John Holden, described as weaver, and rated at one hundred shillings. In the subsidy of 1524 his name appears immediately following that of Richard Doget, whose estate was given as £80, the largest in the

<sup>1</sup> The will of William Baby *alias* West of Glemsford, made in 1497, mentions his goddaughter Katherine Holden.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Holden, the tailor, is not listed in either subsidy or muster roll.

parish, and who paid an assessment of four pounds.<sup>1</sup> Holden's wages were two pounds received of Doget, and he paid thereon one shilling. Whatever Doget may have possessed in lands, his "goods" had a greater value, for a man was assessed on either his lands or goods, whichever might be the larger. He was a wealthy weaver or cloth worker, and he may have been lessee of the manor, then in possession of the Monks at Bury, and was the founder of the armorial Doget family of Suffolk. Two pounds were good wages, double those received by the better class of common laborers.

The subsidy of 1524 was very comprehensive. It practically included every person over sixteen, who was a wage earner of at least one pound or who had goods (personal estate other than apparel) valued at two pounds, and every householder. Eight persons bearing the name Holden were assessed in Suffolk, the two above mentioned in western Suffolk, the remainder in eastern Suffolk, as follows:

John Holden of Walberswick (on the coast),  
John Holden of Sibbontown ( a little west of the above),  
Richard Holden of Sybton Abbey (adjoining the above),  
William Holden of Ipswich,  
William Holden of Cranysforthe (Cransford, in the same part as Sybton),  
John Holden of Thornham Magna (north central part).

None of these were people of consequence, and none appear in any way connected with the families in western Suffolk.

It is safe to assert that in 1524 the only persons in Suffolk likely to have been the progenitors of the Holdens found fifty years later in that series of parishes running north from Groton to the Norfolk border were those men found in Glemsford and Groton. As the name is found in Norfolk, and in Cambridgeshire to a limited extent, it is of course possible that some of the Holdens of the northern and northwestern section may have come into the county about the middle of the sixteenth century. While this may have been true, there is no good reason for assuming a distinct origin for the few families who are found in these parts in the latter part of the century, except possibly at Tudenham and Cavenham, adjoining parishes near the Cambridgeshire border.

Nicholas Howlden of Tuddenham made a will 4 Aug., 1565. He left a widow, Isbell, and sons, Nicholas, who inherited his house and land, and William.<sup>2</sup> A younger Nicholas Holden, probably son of the above, was buried at Tuddenham December, 1590, leaving a will naming wife, Jane, and daughters Joan and Thomazine. He

<sup>1</sup> There is no record of settlement of his estate. It is a curious coincidence that a century later when Richard Holden had lands set out to him in Watertown his neighbor across the way was John Doggett.

<sup>2</sup> Nicholas Holding of Hadleigh had children, Alice and Nicholas, baptized 1589 and 1591.

had married 18 May, 1571, Jone Houes, who as Johanna married 22 Feb., 1593–1594, Thomas Baron. James, son of Nicholas, was buried 13 Feb., 1573–1575. It is probable that he was connected with William Holdinge who married at Cavenham, 28 Sept., 1595, Margaret Simonds, and with another William who by wife Grace had children baptized contemporaneously with the other William, and with John Holden, churchwarden of Cavenham in 1595. The latter's wife, Margaret, was buried 14 March, 1569–1570, and he by second wife, Agnes, had children, William, Richard, Jone and Bridget, baptized 1571–1586. Administration was granted to his relict Anne, on the estate of John Holden, 1610. William Houldinge, stationer, of Cambridge, was son of one of the Williams mentioned above.<sup>1</sup>

The parishes of Drinkstone, Tostock, Thurston, Pakenham, and Ixworth are all within eight miles of Bury St. Edmunds, and run from south to north in the order named, though not all adjoining. Ixworth is seven miles north of Drinkstone. Beyton is close by Drinkstone. In this group of parishes we find Thomas, who married in 1584 Agnes Nunne, at Drinkstone, where his children were baptized, and who removed to Thorpe Morieux and died there as shown below; Edward, who the same year married at Ixworth, Jone Tuller, and had children; Richard, rector of Tostock, whose wife was Margaret, a daughter of William Skarpe of Tostock (will 1593), by whom he had children from 1588; and William, the vicar of Pakenham, whose wife, Margaret Taylor, was buried 20 Aug., 1614, and whose own will was dated October in that year, and proved 23 Nov., 1621. William did not have any children, but made the sons of his brother Richard, the parson of Tostock, John, William, and James, his principal heirs. These heads of families in the above-named parishes were thus contemporaries with the father of the emigrants Richard and Justinian Holden.

Five miles south of Drinkstone is Thorpe Morieux to which Thomas Holden removed, and whose will dated 19 Feb., 1605, was proved the 19 May, 1606. He left a sister Alice Egle, and sons John and Henry Holden; to the former his lands in Brettenham, and named George, minor son of John. This Thomas was probably born as early as 1545, and was thus of the generation to which belonged the grandfather of the emigrants, and was buried 23 April, 1605.<sup>2</sup> Four miles southeast of Thorpe and Brettenham is Bildeston, just south of Hitcham, and but three miles from Lindsey. Here at Bildeston

<sup>1</sup> See will of John Southose, rector of Cavenham, proved 22 Oct., 1613.

<sup>2</sup> Henry, son of Thomas Holden, was baptized at Thorpe Morieux 22 Aug., 1568, and may be identified with Henry Holding of Hitcham, whose son, Richard, was baptized 19 Oct., 1606. Richard married Margaret and they had, George baptized 31 May, 1635, Margaret, 24 July, 1640, John, 28 Jan. 1643. He was a contemporary and not distant neighbor of the emigrant, Hitcham is six miles from Lyndsey.

George (John, Thomas) was baptized at Thorpe Morieux 26 Nov., 1592, his brother John 10 Jan., 1595–1596. John the elder was buried there 26 July, 1642.

Thomas of Drinkstone, laborer, left a will dated 24 Sept., 1630, proved 9 June, 1634, naming wife Anne, daughters Margaret and Alice.



John Holden was rector of the church, and was buried there as "Father Holden" 23 Dec., 1600. He was instituted rector in 1570.<sup>1</sup> His wife Agnes, buried 7 March, 1589-1590, was sister of William Pereson of Bildeston, malster, whose will of 4 Sept., 1616, proved 11 March following, names his sister's son, Lazarus Holden, who<sup>2</sup> was baptized 1 June, 1572, and kinsman John Holden of Chatham. The latter's will, 21 Aug., 1628, proved 14 March, 1638-1639, describes the testator as a shipwright, names his wife, Anne, his son, John, under twenty-four years, his daughters, Susan, Elizabeth, Mary and Anne, all unmarried, and the widow of Lazarus Holden.<sup>3</sup> At Bildeston is also the record of the burial of Emme, the wife of Richard Holden, 8 March, 1597-1598. At Lavenham, which was another cloth town, and which adjoins Brent Eleigh, the latter place within the three-mile radius of Groton, were Holdens after 1600, and in 1565 Agnes Holden was buried there. In 1591, Thomas Holden witnessed the will of widow Katherine Willowby of Lavenham, but he may not have lived in that parish.

Ixworth, the most northern of these parishes, is but eighteen miles distant from Lindsey. Here we find the marriage 1 July, 1584, of Edward Holden and Jone Toller, and the baptism of their children, John, 6 Aug., 1587, William, 1 Nov., 1589. Agnes was buried there 13 July, 1617. No further trace has been found of this family. It would not be at all strange if such Holdens as appear in the entire string of parishes had sprung from the Groton-Lindsey family, the ancestors of Richard and Justinian Holden.

### ANCESTRY OF RICHARD AND JUSTINIAN HOLDEN

Lindsey is a small and unimportant parish, in former times devoted to the manufacture of cloth, like its neighbor Kersey. In the 1524 subsidy fifty-six persons were assessed in Kersey; in Lindsey only twenty-seven. The total assessment of Kersey was £6-4-6, that of Lindsey £1-13-00. A recent but not the last census showed in Kersey four hundred eighty-two inhabitants, and in Lindsey but two hundred fifty-three. There are three manors in the parish. Some court rolls are in existence, but at present entirely inaccessible. The principal manor was in the Cokefield family, passing to Sir Ralph de Berners and John Bellomont. Their portions in 1302 were held by William de Montchesney who also held Edwardstone. From 1400 to 1613 it belonged to the Waldegrave family. One of the manors was given in 1474 to the College of Denston, and on the dissolution passed to the Crown. In 1548 Simon Sampson held a third part, and soon after this date Anthony Cage appears as possessor of a

<sup>1</sup> See Composition Book, No. 8, p. 233. He compounded for the appurtenances of the rectory 25 Feb. 1570.

<sup>2</sup> An Adam Holden died in Greenwich, Kent, Sept., 1742, *Musgrave's Obituary*.

<sup>3</sup> Archdeaconry of Rochester, 22: 306.



part of the manor, in whose family it remained. The Cages were connected with the Appletons of Waldingfield, ancestors of the Appletons of Massachusetts.

The muster of Cosford Hundred at a date between 1534 and 1540, fails to show any persons by the name of Holden. At that time there were nine able archers and the same number of able billmen in Lindsey.

The parish register commences in 1558, and is complete except for a hiatus in the marriage record from 1570–1579. This gap is partly closed by the fact that transcripts are found in the Registry at Bury St. Edmunds for the years 1575, 1577, 1578.

f The earliest item recovered from Lindsey concerning the Holden family is that of the baptism of Rose, daughter of William Holden, 2 March, 1578. The subsidy of 1568, which was very complete, does not mention any of the name in Lindsey or vicinity. This would be the case if in that year William was under sixteen years of age, or if he was then earning no more than a common laborer and did not hold any lands. Rose was evidently his eldest child. Assuming him to have been twenty-five years of age in 1578, he would have been born in 1553, and would have been under sixteen in 1568. If he was born in 1553, he was sixty-six years of age at his death in 1619. Adam Holden of Lindsey, who we assume without fear of contradiction was his younger brother, was married in 1582. It was he who was mentioned by Adam Winthrop, lord of Groton manor, father of the John Winthrop who came to New England. That William and Adam were grandsons of the John Holden of Groton in 1524 is a fair assumption, but not proven. The inference is that Adam was named after Adam Winthrop and that the two brothers may have lived in Groton during their minority, later settling in Lindsey where not unlikely some of their kinsfolk enjoyed copyhold estates. The tradition preserved by Abiel Holden in 1813, that the father of the emigrants possessed thirteen houses and that their uncle was one of the "lords of England" with for that day an immense income, may be disposed of as one of those fairy tales embellishing every tradition which has been handed down through several generations. The marvel of it is that so much of the traditionary statement has been proved correct.

The discovery<sup>1</sup> of the baptism of Justinian Holden, agreeing with his known year of birth, on the Lindsey register, seemed without doubt, with the occurrence of the names Adam and William mentioned in the tradition, to identify the parents of the emigrants, although the baptism of Richard was not discovered; unless by chance, and such errors have been revealed in other cases, the baptism of Joseph Holden, 16 July, 1609, was intended for the

<sup>1</sup> By Mr. J. Gardner Bartlett in 1909.

baptism of Richard. The more recent discovery<sup>1</sup> of a "bill" or transcript at Bury from some parish near enough to Kersey to contain names of Kersey residents who were baptized and buried away from their home church during a brief vacancy in the period for which the bill stands, for the years 1605-1606 or 1606-1607, has given further proof that William Holden was the father of Richard. This transcript, probably drawn up by a local scrivener, may have been sent in from Kersey, but does not agree with the entries that year in the Kersey register, nor with any of the other adjacent parishes for which registers exist. The register of Aldham, however, is lost prior to 1666, and there are no returns credited to that parish at Bury for the period 1605-1611 inclusive. Aldham is the next parish east of Lindsey and Kersey. The wife of the younger William, father of Adam and the emigrants Richard and Justinian, may well have come from that parish, and in such circumstances it was not unusual for the eldest child of newly married couple to be born at the mother's old home, and of course to be baptized there as well. Such an assumption would account for the failure to find the record of marriage of William Holden, probably in 1604 or 1605, as he was born in 1580; and it may be that Richard was born in the same parish in 1607, instead of the year 1609 formerly accepted as that of his birth.

Unfortunately none of this family left a will, nor was administration necessary on their estates. In 1639, the year of the Ship Money assessment, from which few persons having property of any amount escaped taxation, no one of this Lindsey family was enumerated. We know that Richard and Justinian were then in New England, and we must assume if they had brothers then living (the tradition assigned them a brother William of whom we find no trace), that either they had no property or had removed from the county. Nor is any mention found in later years of that Stephen Holden who was baptized in 1621 at Groton, the only known issue of the second marriage of William Holden to Margaret Gale of Groton. One may not assert the fact with certainty, but may not these other sons, brothers of the emigrants, have died prior to 1639? Nor do we find further mention of Edward and John, the younger sons of Adam Holden, Sr.

William Holden of Lindsey, born presumably about 1553, married Rose, who was buried at Lindsey, as "wife of William Holden," 19 Feb., 1617-1618.

William Holden was buried 8 Oct., 1619.

Anne Holden, widow, was buried 16 Jan., 1623-1624.

The following were baptized as children of William Holden:

Rose, 2 March, 1577-1578.

William, 26 March, 1580.

<sup>1</sup> By Mr. Vincent B. Redstone, in 1922

Agnes, 20 Aug., 1582.

Bridget, 7 Aug., 1585.

Adam Holden of Lindsey, undoubtedly brother of the above, married at Lindsey, 21 May, 1582, Mary Wiata and had the following children baptized at Lindsey:

Adam, 14 March, 1583-1584; buried 3 March following.

Adam, 3 May, 1585 (this item is from the transcript, and is apparently omitted in the original register).

Martha, 17 Nov., 1588.

Mary, 4 Jan., 1589-1590.

Grissell, 20 Feb., 1591-1592.

Edward, 13 April, 1594.

John, 23 Jan., 1597-1598.

Joan, 20 July, 1600.

Elizabeth, 9 April, 1603.

Adam Holden had business dealings with Adam Winthrop. Winthrop kept a diary during a long period of years. Selections from this diary and from interleaved almanacks were printed in the "Life and Letters of John Winthrop" in 1864, but the following items were obtained from the originals now in the British Museum.<sup>1</sup>

"A note of the money which I have erved with my cart and plough since Mich. 1592-3.

"Item of Holding for iiii lodes v. s iiii d."

"Receits at the feast of St. Michael Ao 1593, Adam Holdinge v. s iiii d."

"Adam Holding departed from me The VIth of Jan. 1603-4."

There are many allusions to various persons named Gale in this diary, one being to the fact that Joseph Gale was in arrears of rent Oct., 1601, 20 sh., another touching lands bought of him in Assington. Several items concern William Gale.

William Holden, whose baptism appears above under date of 1580, son of William, had baptized,

Adam, 15 March, 1605-1606 (or 1606-1607), at an unknown parish as per the transcript.

Richard, whose baptism has not been found; the emigrant.<sup>2</sup>

Joseph, baptized at Lindsey, 16 July, 1609.

Justinian, baptized at Lindsey, 6 Oct., 1611.<sup>2</sup>

John, baptized at Lindsey, 15 Jan., 1615-16.

<sup>1</sup> Additional Mss., 37, 419, ff 58, 67, 29b. A copy of these diaries and accounts is being made for the Massachusetts Historical Society.

<sup>2</sup> The passenger list of 1634 of the ship *Francis* on which Richard and Justinian sailed, their ages being given as twenty-five and twenty-three respectively, shows there sailed also a William Haulton, aged twenty-three, whose identity and settlement in this country has not been discovered, unless he was identical with William Holton of Hartford and Northampton. Richard Haldin, aged fourteen, sailed in the *Dorset* for Barbadoes, September, 1635.



William Holden and Margaret Gale were married at Groton, 6 Nov., 1618. Margaret Holden buried at Groton 15 Dec., 1638. They had Steven, baptized at Groton,<sup>1</sup> 6 May, 1621.

William Gale of Groton, husbandman, left a will dated 1 Nov., 1625, proved at Sudbury, 13 April, 1626.<sup>2</sup> He named his wife Margaret, his son Thomas, who had his lands, etc., after the death of his mother, and who was required to pay legacies to other children, Bridget, Joseph. To his "daughter Margaret Houlden, wife of William Houlden, 12 pence."

William Holden was thus living in 1625. The tradition already alluded to asserts that he left a widow, but in view of the above entries we believe that the statement of her remarriage may be discarded with those concerning the property.

The family tradition asserts that Richard Holden was saved from persecution, for attending a meeting of dissenters, by James Holden, called his "uncle," and who is absurdly called one of the "lords of England." There was a James Holden, who lived in 1656 at Thurston, and who in 1659 was of West Halton, Lincolnshire. In 1656 his son John was admitted to the Grammar School at Bury, and in March, 1659-1660, then aged seventeen was matriculated at St. John's College, Cambridge. This James was in middle age when his son John was born, having himself been born about or earlier than 1600. He is named in the will of his mother in 1630, in whose house a room was kept for him, showing that he resided elsewhere at that time. His uncle, the Reverend William Holden of Pakenham, gave him a property called "Patches."

Richard is a name common to the Drinkstone, Ixworth, Tostock family. It is also one of the most common names of that period. The stand these two parsons, as well as John Holden of Bildeston, took in 1583 and their appeal from the Bishop to the Privy Council was no doubt known in the family to which Richard and Justinian belonged. If, as circumstances seem to point, the father of the ministers was a near relative to William Holden of Lindsey, the story of their difficulties, their Puritan connection, was probably a matter of comment and family pride. As their circumstances were evidently considerably superior to the Lindsey family, the difference in worldly estate and position may have placed the Tostock-Thurston family on somewhat of a pinnacle, and this may be the seed from which grew the magnificent statement in the tradition of 1813.

The Reverend William Holden of Pakenham compounded for the first fruits of the vicarage, 3 June, 1572.<sup>3</sup> As he was at least twenty-

<sup>1</sup> Groton register begins 1561 and is well kept. There are few entries each year, it being a small parish. A copy has been made.

<sup>2</sup> Bury wills, Pearle, 455.

<sup>3</sup> Composition Books No. 8, p. 294.



four years of age on admission to the benefice in 1571, he was born at least as early as 1546. He is described also as rector of Brisingham, Norfolk, 1569-1570, and as having matriculated at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1562. He was a sizar, which gives a clue to his circumstances. He was graduated B. A. 1565-6, and M. A. 1569, ordained priest, 1568.<sup>1</sup> He married 26 Feb., 1578, at Pakenham, Margaret Taylor, sister to George Taylor. She was buried there 30 Aug., 1614. Thomas Amye of Thurston, whose wife was Ellen, in his will of 1618 names his "wife's uncle Mr. William Holden."

In 1583 Archbishop Whitgift,<sup>2</sup> a narrow-minded and intolerant ecclesiastic, thoroughly in sympathy, however, with the views of Queen Elizabeth, caused to be propounded to all incumbents of parishes, three articles which, simple as they were, would reveal who of the incumbents failed of strict conformity. In Suffolk were several hundred parishes and sixty incumbents refused to sign, among them William Holden of Pakenham, his brother Richard of Tostock, and John Holden of Semer,<sup>3</sup> who had been rector of Bildeston in 1570 and several years subsequent.

Two hundred and thirty-three clergymen in Norfolk, Suffolk, Sussex, Essex, Kent and Lincolnshire were suspended for refusing to subscribe to these articles, the second of which referred to the Book of Common Prayer, and was the one objectionable to the Puritans.

William Holden died childless at an advanced age, at least seventy-four years, and was buried at Pakenham 1 Nov., 1621.

His will, dated 25 Oct., 1614, was proved in the Consistory Court of Norwich, 23 Nov., 1621. He left small bequests to his successor, the poor of the parish and to the poor of Thurston, to his several godchildren, but chiefly disposed of his estate to his nephews. To his kinsman, John Holden, son of his brother Richard, he gave his lease for a thousand years of the messuage or tenement of Wickham and in case of his death to William, brother of John, to whom he also gave his copyhold lands in the manor of Pakenham and three acres abutting on Thurston Green. To James, another son of Richard, he gave Patches. To the wife of Robert Samples of Elmeswell, to Abigail and Thomas, children of Edward Granger of Swaffham, and to Susan and Margery Holden, all under twenty-one, he left legacies, and also to Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of George Taylor. The residue of his household stuff, plate, etc., he gave to John Holden, his nephew, and nominated him executor.

Reverend Richard Holden of Tostock, younger brother of William,

<sup>1</sup>List of graduates of Cambridge University. John Holden, matriculated at Trinity 1565, may have been the rector of Bildeston. He may have taken his B.A. at Oxford 1569.

<sup>2</sup> Whitgift had succeeded Archbishop Grindal, who died 6 July, 1583, and who had favored the Puritan element as far as he would consistently.

<sup>3</sup>The parish register of Semer for the years 1538-1650 fails to disclose mention of the name Holden.

born probably about 1556, was living in 1624, but had died prior to 26 Nov., 1625. Although he was perhaps twice married, his widow Margerie, daughter of William Skarp of Bildeston, was certainly mother of most of his children. He was inducted rector of Tostock 1 Sept., 1581. Of the several graduates of this name, he who was B.A. 1579-80, having matriculated at St. John's College, Cambridge, 1576, appears the most likely to have been the Tostock incumbent. At college he was a sizar.<sup>1</sup>

From the wills of Reverend William Holden, of Margerie, the widow of Reverend Richard (dated 3 Nov., 1630, proved 8 July, 1633), and those of her sons, William (will dated 3 June, 1623, proved 24 May, 1624), and John (will proved 11 8th mo., 1625), both of whom died single, and the parish register, the family of Reverend Richard is learned.

Children of Reverend Richard Holden:

William of Tostock, died 1624, who named in his will his mother, brothers and sisters.

Rebecca, wife of Edward Granger in 1614, of Swaffham, had children Abigail and Thomas.

James, baptized 6 March, 1588, who eventually came to possess the various tenements, leases and copyholds held by his uncle, and was a man of some worth. He was assessed in 1639 at Thurston. He was of Thurston in 1656, when his son John was admitted to the Grammar School at Bury St. Edwards. In 1659 he was of West Halton, Lincolnshire. He appears to have married late in life.

Elizabeth, baptized 9 Feb. 1589-1590. She married Robert Sample and was living in 1630. She had at least one child, William. In 1614 they were of Elmeswell.

Sarah, baptized 26 March, 1592-1593; married Robert Wade 16 Dec., 1618, at Pakenham, and had children Sarah, Dorothy, Katherine and Ann.

John, who died single in 1625. He was of Tostock, and in his will, gave to "[ ] Holden my kinsman" his ash-colored suit. The baptismal name of this kinsman is illegible.

Margery, probably married at Pakenham, 3 Oct., 1620, Stephen Ludbrooke.

Susan.

The will of Margerie Holden,<sup>2</sup> widow of Reverend Richard, is of the utmost importance, for it shows that the "Kinsman Holden"

<sup>1</sup> List of graduates of Cambridge University. John Holden, matriculated at Trinity 1565, may have been the rector of Bildeston. He may have taken his B.A. at Oxford 1569.

<sup>2</sup> *Bury Wills*, 52:242. Margerie Holden of Thurston, 3 Nov., 1630, proved 8 July, 1633. To be buried at Tostock. To daughter Elizabeth Sample: goddaughter Sara Wade; daughter Margaret: Esther Beale "a pewter dish which have my husband's name on"; to Dorothy, Katherine and Ann Wade, a pewter dish; Elizabeth daughter of Robert Sample; Adam Holden "the long table and long form"; son James, pigltle called Nuts; daughter Sarah Wade; son James "all furniture in the chamber which he useth when he cometh unto me"; daughter Rebecca; daughter Susan residuary legatee. Son James to be executor.

named in the will of John Holden, was probably the Adam Holden to whom she gave a long table and long form. As at that time there were no male representatives of either Reverends Richard or William Holden, except James, then unmarried and living part of the time at his mother's house, it is not unlikely that the widow had received into her family the son of a near relative of her husband. No other Adam Holden has been found in all that part of Suffolk than the ones so named belonging to the Groton and Lindsey family. There can be little doubt the younger Adam, brother of the emigrants, is intended. Such being the fact the tradition so long in the family becomes perfectly intelligible. The James of the tradition represented as a man of means and an uncle, was James son of the Reverend Richard, who after his brothers' deaths in 1624 and 1625 was the only male representative of the Tostock family.

The father of William and Richard Holden was surely born as early or earlier than 1526; the most likely date being from 1515 to 1520. As there were ten years between the births of William and Richard there may have been other children, but no trace of relatives are found other than related above.

The decade 1510-1520 is that in which was born the father of the brothers William and Adam of Lindsey, of the Reverend John Holden of Bildeston and of Thomas Holden of Drinkstone and Thorpe Morieux. The custom of naming more than one son the same permits the assumption that William the grandfather of the emigrants and the Reverend William were brothers, but this fact is not proven, though the near relationship is evident.

### THE LANCASHIRE FAMILIES

At the time of the Heralds Visitations of Lancashire in 1612, Robert Holden of Holden had registration of a pedigree showing his descent from Adam Holden to whom Robert Holden<sup>1</sup> was son and heir. Adam, son of Robert de Holden, was a grantee in 1272 of lands forfeited by William de Keelin. This pedigree is from father to son until the time of Gilbert Holden, who died in 1550-1551, very aged. Later than this some attempt is made to give names of children in each generation in the main line. Checking this pedigree by evidences now accessible, it is evident that there are many errors, especially of omission,<sup>2</sup> but it would be possible to construct a reasonably correct pedigree of the principal branches of this family from about 1300.

During the whole period of three centuries from the time of the

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps confounded with or identical with Robert de Haslingden who died in 1269. See History of Blackburne. Ewood was held of him by Hugh de Thewood in 1269.

<sup>2</sup> The records known as the Heralds Visitations although official, are unsafe guides except for the few immediate generations of about the period of the Visitation. They do establish the right of certain families to coat armor. It was customary to omit younger lines, or deal with such separately. Many cases of pedigrees showing an ancient descent are "faked."



first Adam Holden to that of Gilbert there were living in the vicinity several other Holden families, evidently from evidences available closely allied and whose descendants about 1600 were very numerous and of nearly every rank in society, as well as widely scattered throughout Lancashire and adjoining counties.

Enough has been discovered to prove that the Holdens of Ewood were near kin to the main branch of the family, probably being an offshoot of the fifteenth century, as they were settled there previous to 1509.

With this branch of the family is associated the name Randall as early as 1479, and in 1588 there was one of that name living at Ewood who had sons, Thomas, baptized 29 July, 1601, and Richard, baptized 24 Jan., 1604-1605. The last named had a son, Randall, baptized 9 March, 1627-1628, who was buried in 1628. The senior Randall, described as "of Ewood, gentleman," was buried 26 Nov., 1623. Unfortunately there have not been discovered wills of either Randall or of his sons. He would seem to have been a brother of William who died in 1593, and therefore a son of Thomas of Ewood and Livesay, who died in 1588,<sup>1</sup> and whose executor he was. The parish register under date of 16 May, 1624, has the following record of burial of "Uxr Ranulphi (*i. e.* Randall) Hollden de Ewood."

Seven miles north of Ewood is Salesbury, on the northwestern border of the parish of Blackburn, and about ten miles from Hasleden and about the same distance east, in Whalley parish is Symonstone, in which township Robert de Holden gave lands in 1313 to his son Robert. In the following decade Nichols Holden, described as son of Robert, gave to his son Robert lands there in 1328. This family was connected with the Holdens of Haslingden and Chargley, and it is probable that the name of Nicholas should be inserted in the ascending line in the pedigree.

The parishes of Whalley and Blackburn, in which these lie, are in the valley of the River Ribble, in that north central part of the county which butts on the West Riding of Yorkshire. Whalley is the furthest north and east, and the town of Whalley is about seven miles from that of Blackburn, but the parishes are of large extent and comprise many "townships" and villages. The Lancashire township should not be confounded with our American townships. Blackburn numbers twenty-three townships. The township of Haslingden in Whalley is in the southern extremity of the parish, and with the village of Holden lies against the parish of Rochdale. The hamlet of Ewood, in the township of Livesey, parish of Black-

<sup>1</sup> Abram in History of Blackburn appears to have confounded the name Randall and Ralph, *i. e.*, Randallus (Randolphus) and Radulphus, which in their contracted form are easily mistaken one for the other. Ranulphus occurs for Randall in the parish register and elsewhere. There was no head of a Holden family in Blackburn parish about 1600 named Ralph, though that name frequently occurs in various branches of the family.



burn, is but ten miles west of Hasleden, and between those places lie Hoddlesden, Pickup Bank, Tockholes, all homes of families of Holden late in the sixteenth century<sup>1</sup> and earlier.

There is a statement which can be traced to as early as about 1800, that Randall Holden of Rhode Island came from Salisbury, Wiltshire. The county was undoubtedly tacked on because of ignorance of the fact that there was another place of similar name, Salesbury in Lancashire, and because from Salisbury in Wilts did come one of Randall Holden's companions. Salesbury in Lancashire gave its name to a well-known family of Salisbury, and it may have been from that village that Randall Holden emigrated to New England. This is the more likely inasmuch as the name Randall<sup>2</sup> in the Holden family appears to be confined to that branch which lived in Blackburn parish and, so far as known, to the family which inherited the Ewood property from one generation to another.

<sup>1</sup> James Holden of that region married Ann Peel, aunt of Sir Robert Peel, and has descendants in California, descended from a grandson, Thomas Holden, who died in 1914. Other Holden families in America are descended from emigrants from Lancaster who have settled in the United States during the past century. See appendix.

<sup>2</sup> It is not unlikely that John Holden of Stepney, Middlesex, was from Lancashire. Stepney is part of London. The register discloses the baptism of "Randoll, son of John Holden, of Limehouse, mariner and wife Mary," 30 July 1620. This Randoll was eight years the junior of the emigrant of that name.

## THE STORY OF RICHARD AND JUSTINIAN HOLDEN

On the tenth of April, 1634, there sailed from Ipswich in the county of Suffolk, England, two ships, the *Elizabeth* and the *Francis*, bound for the port of Boston in the new commonwealth of Massachusetts, and bearing one hundred and eighty-six souls, more than one hundred and twenty head of cattle, as well as other goods and chattels. On the passenger-list, still extant, are the names of Richard Houlding, aged twenty-five, and Justinian Houlding, aged twenty-three, the American progenitors of the majority of the persons who figure in these pages.

Until recently, although the fact was evident from their close connection, as well as family tradition, no proof could be cited to show that Richard and Justinian were brothers. This proof is furnished by the testimony of Martha Boyden, wife of Thomas Boyden and daughter of Richard Holden, given at Woburn, July 6, 1685. Mistress Boyden states that her husband "is now at my Uncle Holden's at Fresh Pond in Cambridge." The Uncle Holden was no other than Justinian Holden whose farm comprised a portion of the shores of Fresh Pond, not far from where Richard and Justinian had first set down.

For many years it was supposed that the Holden brothers came from the neighborhood of Cranbrook in Kent, there being a family of worth in those parts, and whence came so many of the first settlers of Massachusetts. There is, however, no evidence of such an origin for our New England family. Ample investigation has been made to establish this point. There is also no proof of any connection with the Holden family of Lancashire.

Not only does the passenger-list of the vessel upon which the brothers came to New England still exist, but there is contemporary evidence that the passengers of these ships came from Ipswich or vicinity. Ipswich in Suffolk was the port of departure. There was no need of inhabitants of Kent to go to Ipswich to find a vessel sailing for New England. The ports of London and Southampton were the favorite ports of embarkation from the more southern counties, the western counties being principally served by Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstaple.

The preparation of the two ships, the *Elizabeth* and the *Francis*, destined for New England with supplies and settlers, was the out-

come of the zeal displayed by two clergymen, the Rev. Mr. Ward and Rev. Mr. Dalton, both deeply interested in the colony and the latter of whom soon followed the company to Watertown. On the fourth of February, 1633-4, Henry Dade, commissary of Suffolk, wrote to Archbishop Laud that two ships were to sail about the tenth of March from Ipswich with men and provisions "for their abiding in New England," "in each of which are appointed to go about six score persons" whom he supposes are either indebted persons or persons discontented with the government of the Church of England. "Of the breeders of these people," of whom he finds about six hundred persons in all intend going, "Mr. Ward of Ipswich is chief in these parts."

Dade was seeking an excuse for stopping the ships from sailing, and evidently resorted to the insinuation that some were indebted persons. That most were opposed to the measures of Archbishop Laud was undoubtedly true. The commissary goes on to suggest that an order of Council be sent to Mr. Dalton, the parson of Wolverstone by Ipswich, "who is a stickler for transporting these people," and that the voyage be stayed.<sup>1</sup>

By order of the Privy Council in February, 1633-4, the master of a vessel transporting passengers was obliged to give a bond of £100 to observe certain formalities, the principle of which was that no person be received on board who had not taken the oath of supremacy and allegiance,<sup>2</sup> and on his return to England with proper vouchers the bond was canceled. The master of the *Elizabeth* was William Andrews who, as well as his son, was favorably known in New England. The master of the *Francis* was John Cutting. From their petition, presented to the Council after their return from New England in November, 1634, we learn that the ships sailed the tenth of April, 1634. The customs officers at Ipswich under the same date made a return that the passengers on both ships who were of suitable age took the oath of allegiance and supremacy before embarking, and descriptive lists of all passengers were furnished.

These interesting papers are in the Public Record Office, and are printed entire by Drake in his "Founders of New England."<sup>3</sup> According to the lists, one hundred and twenty men, women and children were taken as passengers on the *Elizabeth* and eighty-six on the *Francis*. A large proportion of the passengers were children, and it is known that many of the families were related. In Winthrop's "History of New England," and under July, 1634, he notes that fourteen great ships arrived the preceding month at Boston and one at Salem, and that month there seems to have been a general recognition of the goodness of Providence in bringing safe to

<sup>1</sup> Cal. Dom. State papers Charles I. p. 450.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 69, Drake's *Founders of New England*

<sup>3</sup> Pages 51 and 55.

port these vessels. Winthrop notes, "Divers of the ships lost many cattle, but the two that came from Ipswich, of more than one hundred and twenty, lost but seven. None of the ships lost any passengers except the *Elizabeth Dorcas*, which being hurt on a rock and very ill-victualled, lost sixty passengers at sea and divers came sick on shore who all recovered except . . ." The *Elizabeth Dorcas* was not the *Elizabeth* of Ipswich, but her experience illustrates the dangers of the passage.

Of the entire party, as far as known, twenty-nine heads of families selected Watertown as their residence, being nearly all persons of good estate and ability, and most of them became freemen shortly after. (It is important to note that a prerequisite to admission to the freedom of the Massachusetts Bay Company was membership in the church.) Five or six settled in Cambridge and at least seven, probably more, settled at Ipswich.

Genealogical researches have established the correctness of Commissary Dade's information to Archbishop Laud that Suffolk was the home of most of these people, Wood Ditton in Cambridgeshire on the west and Dedham in Essex on the south, being the points most distant from Ipswich whence any passengers on these ships are known to have come.

As to the reason leading to the emigration of the brothers Holden we have only a tradition which was written down in the year 1814, bearing the title, "Copies of Records in the possession of Abiel Holden of Reading," and dated January 2, 1814, "obtained by him from persons living in 1814, and from original family records now in the possession of Benjamin F. and Daniel Holden of Concord, New Hampshire, where their father died who was Asa Holden<sup>1</sup> of Woburn, Mass." There is another version of the same story by Luther Holden, Abiel's brother, dated 1848. We print herewith the two versions, that by Abiel, together with the gospel according to Luther, in parallel columns.

STONEHAM, 2D JAN. 1814<sup>2</sup>

1848

A brief Genealogy of Richard Holden's descendants. Why he came to America.

Copy of A Genealogy of the family of Holden.<sup>3</sup>

I expect he was born in that part called Scotland.

Richard Holden, my great grandfather's grandfather, came from England for the cause of religion.

Richard Holden came from England for the cause of religion.

The manner of his coming to this

<sup>1</sup> Born 1773, uncle of the writer.

<sup>2</sup> The author was less than sixteen years old, born 9 Mar., 1798.

<sup>3</sup> Author aged forty-three, born 25 Feb., 1805.



The reason of his coming (as I have been informed) was as follows:

He was a dissenter of the Established church of England, and dissenters being forbidden any public worship, one day as he was agoing from one of their dissenting meetings

he was seized by the Sheriff for going to the meeting,

and must have went to prison or suffered the penalty.

but one of his uncles happened to be riding in his coach that way (his name was James Holden, he was one of the Lords of England — his yearly income was twenty five thousand pounds sterling) when he saw him spoke to the sheriff that had seized him, to this effect "Tis a pity to carry this poor man to prison, he is my nephew," and so spoke for that the sheriff said he would release him from suffering the penalty of the law upon condition

that he would never go to any more dissenting meeting

at first he gave them no answer in the affirmative which made his uncle angry and his uncle told him that those men act like gentlemen in offering to release you, therefor comply with their request, after a little deliberation he told them that he would go to no more dissenting meetings in that country, so they released him upon this promise.

Soon after this he sought a voyage to America

his youngest brother Justinian came with him

to America who was then about twenty-one years old being a car-

country was as follows:

He was a dissenter to the established church of England, and all dissenters were forbidden public worship of their own order. But Richard Holden thought it more proper to obey God than man, and accordingly went to a dissenting meeting, and as he was returning home from the same, was arrested, and taken into custody by an officer, for breaking their law,

and must have suffered the penalty of the law

had it not been for his uncle, who happened to be passing that way he being one of the lords of England

made enquiry what he had done, and so spoke in his behalf

that the officer said he would set him at his liberty again, upon condition

that he should never go to any more dissenting meetings

which put him to a stand at which his uncle was quite angry

but after mature deliberation, told them he would go to no more dissenting meetings in that country.

Soon after this, he with his youngest brother Justinian came from Kent in England, to this country

and settled in Watertown near

penter by trade. Said Richard Holden was a glazier<sup>1</sup> by trade. There were four brothers of them to-wit said Richard Holden was the oldest, Adam Holden, William Holden and Justinian Holden. Their father died when they were young and they were put out to learn trades tho' their father was rich — he owned thirteen houses

Their mother married to another man after their father's death who disposed of much of their estate sold two of their houses and put the children to serve apprenticeship when there was no real need of it

when these brothers came to age they were going to apprehend their father in law for his unlawful managements but he ran away and so made his escape

so Richard Holden who was the oldest and Justinian Holden who was the youngest came to America and settled in Watertown.

I suppose about the year 1640.

Boston

There were four brothers of them, Richard Holden, who was the oldest, was by trade a glazier, Adam, William and Justinian. Their father died when they were young, and they were put out to learn trades, although they were rich; their father owned thirteen houses.

After his death their mother married to another man who disposed of much of their estate unlawfully, sold two of their houses and put them out to serve apprenticeships

when these brothers became of age their father-in-law expected to be apprehended by them, for his unlawful conduct, and for that reason absconded, and so got clear of them

Richard Holden and Jestinyan (who was a carpenter) came to America and settled in Watertown.

In what year they came over we do not now know definitely, but from the best we can obtain it was about the year 1640.

It is recorded that William<sup>2</sup> Holden came to Rhode Island, and that he was a Baptist and built a meeting house for that denomination there

The said Richard and Jestinyan came to Watertown when the settlement was new and they could have land for taking it up and fencing it, and the salt marshes was free for

<sup>1</sup>In another copy this word appears as "grasier," perhaps the correct reading, for when the Groton meeting house was built in 1666, although Richard Holden was a prominent member of the church, the contract for glazing was let to Christopher Grant of Watertown, which would indicate there was no one following that trade in Groton.

<sup>2</sup>This is undoubtedly an addition by Luther Holden who had learned of Randall Holden and in F. H. Holden's copy the name William was changed to Randall.

anyone who would cut them.

Richard took but ten acres of land, thinking that he could take more when he pleased, but Jestinyan took him a thousand.

They both married. The children of Richard who was the oldest, was as follows:

Richard Holden married either in England or this country, but I suppose in this country — his children were as follows:

William- Samuel- John- Stephen-  
Justinian- Bartholomew.<sup>1</sup>

His daughters were six.

William, Samuel, John, Stephen, and Jestinyan and Bartholomew.

Jestinyan married when he was thirty years old, to a woman who was forty, and lived with her thirty years and she died. He married again and had four children which were sons.

Bartholomew and Jestinyan Holden, children to Richard, of whom we shall now treat, died without marrying; one died of a fever, the other by the fall of a tree.

Richard Holden after he had lived in Watertown many years moved to Woburn where he lived but a short time, and from thence he moved to Groton where he died.

The two manuscripts then continue with the history of the family in the line of the authors.

That these narratives were pure fabrications is unlikely. The statement that Richard and Justinian were brothers and their relative ages, nearly correct for Justinian, the approximate date of their arrival in this country and the connection of the names Adam and William, which recent discoveries have shown were family names in their home town of Lindsey, Suffolk,<sup>2</sup> all point to a well established family tradition. The story has, however, lost nothing in transit. The uncle, "one of the Lords of England" with an income of £25,000 per annum, and their father having owned thirteen

<sup>1</sup> There is no trace of a Bartholomew Holden. The reference to the death of one of the unmarried sons by fall of a tree identifies this supposed Bartholomew with Richard's eldest son, Stephen. Justinian, the younger, did not die unmarried.

<sup>2</sup> See introduction.

houses, looks very much as though the wish had fathered the statement.

A relative of the brothers was a man of some local influence in the English Church, a well-to-do clergyman. Priests of the established Church of England were ironically described in the bitter controversies of the day as "Lords of England." The fact that the three parsons of the name in Suffolk had all suffered because of their leaning to the Puritan faction in the church, may have been forgotten in the more general classification of all clergy of the establishment as enemies of New England, and even this experience, although long before the birth of the emigrants, may be the basis of the story of their own persecution, of which no trace has been found. It would be agreeable, of course, to have it proved that Richard and Justinian were of gentle blood or connection, but until some more authentic proof is unearthed we must be satisfied with the assets which we can be reasonably certain that they did possess.

They had what is of more importance than blue blood in the founding and peopling of a new country, and that is *red* blood. No one who was timorous by nature would have ventured forth upon the seas for such an extended voyage to establish themselves in a country inhabited by wild beasts and hostile savages.<sup>1</sup> Richard Holden was one of the pioneer settlers of the town of Groton, Mass., helping to carve it from the wilderness under the constant threat of an attack from the surrounding Indians, which finally occurred 13 March, 1675-6. As his house was one of the forty-six burned at this time and as his accumulation of stock and personal property was probably destroyed or stolen, he repaired with his family to Watertown, where he and Justinian had first settled down, and where Justinian was still living. But by 1684 he is again in Groton, after a short stay in Woburn and Cambridge. His name, also that of his son Justinian, is found in a list of names comprising those of heads of families resident in Groton, which was made up subsequent to twenty-ninth of November, 1680, but not much later.

Up to 1665 Richard was a member of the militia of Groton, but in that year he sends to the County Court in Cambridge a request for release from military duty which reads as follows:

To the Hon<sup>r</sup>ed The County Cort in Cambridge Oct<sup>ob</sup> 3 1665.

The Humble request of Richard Holden of Groton Whereas the Providence of the alwise God hath ordered that sickness and weakness in body hath followed mee & increased upon me this twenty

<sup>1</sup> Herein we see the difference between the emigrant of the seventeenth century and of today, aside from that of race.



yeare, & now a lingering consumption is more than formerly p<sup>r</sup>e-  
 vailing upon mee, disenabling mee from service, especially to beare  
 armes, & being never like to be capable of doo any good in a military  
 way, my weaknesse and distemper being come to such a height, &  
 God knows how it is likely to bee with mee, but it is little likely that  
 y<sup>t</sup> body shld rise agen which hath been soe long failing; I wld yfore  
 entreat y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>or</sup> w<sup>pps</sup> w<sup>ld</sup> consider mee, and release mee fro training:  
 Loth I have been, to trouble y<sup>or</sup> w<sup>pps</sup> this 7 years, though I had case  
 enough, but now I am forced to ly at y<sup>or</sup> feet & wait y<sup>or</sup> pleasure, but  
 not to trouble y<sup>or</sup> w<sup>ps</sup> any further; confiding in y<sup>or</sup> benignitye

I commed my selfe

to y<sup>or</sup> w<sup>ps</sup> & Rest

Groton Sep<sup>t</sup> ult.  
 1665

RICHARD HOLDEN

I doe conceive what is above expressed by Richard Holden is reall.  
 witness my hand

JAMES PARKER

The truth of the statement, as may be seen, is attested in a post-  
 script by the commander of the local train band, Captain Parker.

Just what Richard's ailment could have been is a mystery. It  
 seems inconceivable that this "lingering consumption" could have  
 been tuberculosis, as he lived to be eighty-seven and none of his  
 family seems to have developed any such disease. It may mean only  
 an undue emaciation resulting from overwork. With so large a  
 family to provide for, he may have found the obligation of drilling  
 an irksome burden, and perhaps underestimated the necessity for  
 such constant preparation for defense, for the attack by the Indians  
 did not come till ten years later. His children were just at the age  
 when they needed the most care and were of the least assistance to  
 him, and it is quite possible that, for these reasons, our respected  
 ancestor made out a pretty good case for himself in his petition.

It is, however, only just to his memory to say that he may have  
 been entirely accurate in his statement and that he had some illness  
 which incapacitated him for some time, but which subsided in later  
 years, as his sons grew to an age when they could be of greater help  
 to him. For whatever this "sickness" was, it does not seem to have  
 impaired his vitality or that of his offspring. He himself lived to be  
 eighty-seven, one son, Samuel, to eighty-nine, and another, John, to  
 ninety-nine. He had eleven children, fifty-two grandchildren and  
 between two hundred and two hundred and fifty great-grandchildren.  
 His descendants today, after only about three hundred years, num-  
 ber in the thousands, so that it can be claimed with truth that it  
 was a particularly vigorous line. It may also be stated with accuracy

that few if any American families exceed the Holden family in their war record, another evidence of character and vitality.

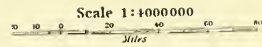
What was the physical type of these founders of this family in America? To answer that we must know what the race was from which Richard and Justinian Holden sprang — not nationality, but *race* — that race which was transplanted in the new world with such promise, which thrived and multiplied by such leaps and bounds up to the middle of the last century, clean of blood, strong of limb, keen of intellect and stalwart of purpose, but which is now ceasing to perpetuate itself at anything like its former rate and is becoming so rapidly cross-bred with other European stocks.

Some ten thousand years ago there were, according to many anthropologists, three primary races in Europe — the Mediterranean race whose habitat is explained by their name, a small, light-boned, dark-skinned, black-eyed people; the Alpine race, inhabiting central Europe, thicker-set, dark-haired, round-skulled; and the Nordic race, a tall, big-boned, long-skulled, fair-skinned, fair-haired and blue-eyed people, the only blond race in history. These Nordics originated or developed around the shores of the Baltic Sea, from which source they spread over most of Europe, becoming wherever they settled the ruling race. They were distinguished by their bigness and blondness, as their direct descendants, the Swedes, show to this day. Their mental characteristics were as marked as the physical. Chief among these was their determination to rule and conquer.<sup>1</sup> When the stage of progress had been reached at which the northern tribes took to the sea they were not long in finding their way to the British Isles.

The original Britons were of Mediterranean stock. They had migrated northward when the islands were still attached to the mainland. For centuries before authentic English history begins, there had been successions of migrations and conquests from Scandinavia and the regions about the Baltic, and the point of debarkation was almost always some place on the eastern and southern coasts of England, nearest to the homelands of the invaders. With each successive wave the smaller swarthy natives were pushed farther and farther westward, where their darker complexions and shorter stature is still shown in the populations of Wales and western Ireland.

At the opening of historic times the conquest and re-peopling of Britain by the northern continental tribes is in full swing. After the Romans abandoned Britain in 400 A.D., floods of pure-blood Nordics poured into the islands for nearly six centuries. We have the Saxon,

<sup>1</sup> See *The Passing of the Great Race*, by Madison Grant; *The Rising Tide of Color*, by Lothrop Stoddard; *Is America Safe for Democracy*, by Professor William Macdougall, etc.



MAP OF ENGLAND

Bounds of the Danelaw indicated by double dotted line





the Danish and finally the Norman conquests. All of these peoples were of Nordic blood.

England, and particularly the extreme eastern part of England, such as the counties of Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex and Kent, by the sixteenth century was almost solidly Nordic. Says Mr. Grant, in "The Passing of the Great Race":

"At the time of the Revolutionary War [in America] the settlers of the thirteen colonies were overwhelmingly Nordic, a very large proportion being Anglo-Saxon in the most limited meaning of that term. The New England settlers in particular came from those counties of England where the blood was almost purely Saxon, Anglian, Norse and Dane. . . . Nature granted to the American of a century ago the greatest opportunity in history to produce in the isolation of a continent a powerful and racially homogeneous people and had provided for the experiment a pure race of one of the most gifted and vigorous stocks on earth, a stock free from diseases, physical and moral, which have again and again sapped the vigor of the older lands. Our grandfathers threw away the opportunity in the blissful ignorance of national childhood and inexperience."

There is, therefore, more than a probability that these ancestors of ours were light-complexioned, with blue, gray or light-brown eyes, and fair-haired, or at least brown-haired instead of black. The blond of northern Europe has always been the better pioneer, particularly in developing the colder lands. He is made for the out-of-doors, which was of necessity the life of the early colonists. And while that life continued he thrived and increased. With the change from an agricultural to an industrial existence he began to fall behind in the struggle for numerical supremacy, the emigrants from southern and central Europe gaining on him rapidly, with a higher birth rate, and, as recent statistics show, a lower death rate. The factory and the furnace are beginning to sound his death-knell; over-luxury promises to drive the final nail in the coffin of his fecundity.

But at the age of which we write not yet had anything happened to check the flow of Nordic blood which was pouring into this country, uniting its streams and flowing on in an ever-increasing torrent, to fill the limited fertile areas of New England and then to overflow into the richer lands of the West, where today it is predominant. Richard Holden's progeny are examples of a Nordic family in its proper habitat. Where Justinian's family, and also that of Randall Holden of Rhode Island, were inclined to become town dwellers, merchants and professional men, Richard's stayed by the soil, with a tendency to engage in trades on the side, such as carpentry, lumbering, etc. Justinian's line begins to slacken pace after the third generation, becoming comparatively scanty later on.

Randall Holden's descendants are not nearly so numerous as

Richard's, particularly those carrying the name, the latter fact being due to the preponderance of daughters among his eleven children. Richard Holden's descendants were, for the most part, plain farmer-folk of the frontier, but soon there appear a sprinkling of clergymen, teachers and merchants in a small way. Today Richard's descendants far outnumber those of the other two men in numbers and equal them in achievement. This is more than likely the result of their remaining so long in surroundings suitable for the propagation of their type, for those of Richard's line who have become city dwellers show the same abrupt dropping off in the number of their offspring, a problem recommended for the study of present and future generations.

Richard Houlding, Holdin, or, as it is now spelled, Holden, the elder of the two brothers who took passage from Ipswich on the *Francis*, was born probably in 1608 or 1609. His age in April, 1634, the date of sailing, is given as twenty-five years, and in April, 1661, as fifty-one years.<sup>1</sup> He died in Groton, March 1, 1695-6, aged eighty-seven.

He married, probably prior to 1640, Martha Fosdick of Charlestown. According to her testimony, on the 6th of the 2nd. mo. (*i.e.*, April), 1658, she was then aged thirty-eight years or thereabouts, so that she was about nineteen at the time of her marriage. She was, therefore, born in 1620 or the year following, and was one of the children of Stephen Fosdick of Charlestown, and is named in his will of the twenty-third of February, 1663-4.

Richard and Martha Holden had eleven children, seven sons and four daughters. Martha Holden's death is recorded in Watertown records as follows: "Mathee Houlding, wife of Richard Houlding, dyed the 6th of December, (1681)."

Richard and Justinian are first mentioned in New England as residents of Watertown. They lived just east of Grove Street on Belmont Street and within the present bounds of Belmont. Richard moved to Woburn probably as early as 1649, but Justinian remained in Watertown until at least 1654, when he purchased a farm from the estate of Nathaniel Sparhawke, but did not take immediate possession. This farm extended to the shore of Fresh Pond in Cambridge.

Richard is called as witness in a case in the county courts in 1658 and again in 1661. His name appears in connection with many conveyances during his stay in Watertown and Woburn.

The precise date of his removal to Groton cannot be obtained from the records, but it is a fair inference that he took a grant from the committee and began his settlement in the summer of

<sup>1</sup> Until 1752 the legal year began in March. The first three months of the year are thus double dated, as one reckons by new or old style. In allowing for years of age it is important to keep this fact in mind.

1661, though very likely not moving his family till the following spring.

There is a book called the "Indian Roll," which when copied by Doctor Samuel A. Green consisted of loose leaves. This roll contained the records of lands held and laid out prior to the burning of the town. These surveys date from 1663, and are not necessarily of grants of the date on which they were approved. The original proprietors are meagerly represented in the Indian Roll. There is, in the surveys, mention of the bounds abutting on lands of both Richard and Justinian Houlding,<sup>1</sup> in Little Half Moon Meadow, South Meadow and Long Meadow, in 1666 in Broad Meadow and in 1670 in the meadow adjoining the Little Pond near Massapog. In 1664 he possessed upland which bounded on Ralph Reed, on Daniel Pierce and probably John Morse, and other land bounding on Thomas Tarbell.

A second division may have taken place in 1665, and subsequent divisions increased his holdings, none of which he alienated except to his sons, with the exception of four and one-half acres in the Little Half Moon Meadow, which he sold to John Barron of Concord in April, 1664, for a roan mare and boots for himself and wife. Stephen, with whom the father lived after the death of his wife, and evidently by agreement of all the children, came into possession of the entire estate lying in Groton, except thirty-three acres conveyed to Samuel in 1670.

In his deed of 1682 to his son Stephen, Richard conveys eighteen acres of upland and swamp, some of it on the southern side of the brook by said Richard's "formerly dwelling house" on the way to Nonoicoicus. This was adjacent to other lands of his, and there it is probable he first established himself. The eighteen-acre tract is in itself suggestive. Stephen lived in this vicinity. In 1689 his family was assigned to Lieutenant Jonas Prescott's and the widow Sawtell's garrison, which was in the southern part of the town. Nonoicoicus was in what is now Ayer. The Holden lands were to the southwest of the present village of Groton, and near the southern limits of the township, extending to the river. In 1683 an inventory was made of Richard Holden's lands. For this record and a description of the exact location of the homes of Richard and his grandsons in Groton the reader is referred to the account of Stephen Holden, page 84.

Richard Holden was an original member of Groton church. Doctor Samuel A. Green has printed a book of records kept by Reverend John Fisk, formerly of Salem and Wenham, but after 1663 of Chelmsford. It contains the proceedings of a Council held in Groton 11-12 mo., 1663, to consider certain dissensions which probably grew out

<sup>1</sup> His son.



of the settlement of Mr. Samuel Willard as minister of the town. A church was not duly gathered and Mr. Willard ordained until 13 July, 1664, although, by vote of the town 21 (June?), 1663, he had begun preaching in Groton a year earlier. The early church records, which might aid materially in determining facts in the life of Richard Holden, are lost.

Mr. Fisk also records the proceedings of a second council held at Groton 10-3 mo., 1664, called to settle the differences there in order that they might proceed in an orderly way to form a church. It appears that there were seven church members in Groton, including the pastor, and to those four others were joined (*i.e.*, non-members), "so as there were now 11, who now come into Nomination viz. ye 6 brethren amongst them in full fellowship, with Mr Willard & 4 others of ye towne, viz. Mr Willard, Jam. Parker, Jam. Fiske, g. Lawrence, G. Salter, G. Martin, Jon. Nutting, Wm. Lakin, Elis Barnes, Rich. Holden, Mathias Fanworth." These eleven, after much consideration and some delay, eventually came to an agreement, and the result was the formal gathering of a church.

The church records of Watertown prior to 1686 are lost, as are also the early church records of Woburn, hence it is not possible to say positively that Richard Holden was not in church membership in 1663. The above record, however, would imply that he was one of the four townspeople against whom none of the town could take exception, and who undoubtedly became regular members of the Groton church at its first meeting.

The settlement at Groton progressed favorably for twenty years and there was every reason for the inhabitants to congratulate themselves on their location and on the prosperous condition of their farms and town. Means of defense against the ever-dreaded Indians had not been overlooked and there was a military company in town commanded by Captain James Parker. The Indians, supplied by traders with guns and ammunition and addicted to the use of liquor, were becoming more boastful and restless, and the people of the frontier towns had often to take measures which would prevent drunken Indians from doing harm, but aside from this danger little was feared. The rising of Philip, and his energy and ability in stirring up the tribes, was unexpected, although there had not been wanting warnings that there was reason to expect an outbreak. There are many instances on record where the treatment accorded Indians by individual whites was of a character sure to excite resentment.

Groton took such precautions, when hostilities commenced, as seemed necessary. Five houses were fortified by palisades and designated as garrison houses to which the inhabitants should retreat in case of an alarm. This did not come until March 2, 1675-6, when



a small band of Indians pillaged eight or nine houses, drove off some cattle and killed Timothy Cooper, a townsman. Four of the garrison houses were near one another, the fifth at a distance of half a mile. On the ninth of March, Indians surprised a party of four at work, of whom one was killed and another captured. Four days later a large body of the enemy appeared, said to have been as many as four hundred and burned the abandoned dwellings to more than forty, and the meeting house. Nutting's garrison was successfully assaulted, but with small loss of life to the defenders. The women and children escaped to Captain Parker's garrison. Finding further success impossible, the Indians withdrew from the neighborhood, a step the inhabitants were obliged to follow as their entire belongings had been destroyed, and to seek refuge mostly in the towns whence they had come to Groton. Many of the younger men and some of their elders volunteered for active service against the Indians. Some were already veterans. This was the case with the younger Justinian, the son of Richard, who enlisted to the credit of Cambridge when his parents retired to Watertown, where they and the younger children were sure of shelter with the elder Justinian.

Some time about 1684 Richard returned to Groton, after a stay in Woburn, Watertown and Cambridge. His name, also that of his son Justinian, is found in a list of names comprising those of heads of families, which was made up soon after November 29, 1684. All of his children were married by or about this time. He was now an old man, his wife was dead, and there was no further incentive for him to keep up an independent establishment. He still owned landed property and rights in future divisions to the original proprietors.

To his son Samuel he had already given thirty-three acres. In 1691 he deeds to his son Stephen "all my lands and rights of land not yet taken up within the township of Groton in the County of Middlesex in New England. That is to say, The house and homestead Orchard Fencing all moveables within doors and without chattels houses whatsoever." This in return for Stephen's care and maintenance of him during the latter part of his life, for it was with Stephen that he spent the remainder of his days. In this deed of his property to Stephen he states that he had been living with him "contentedly" for several years past.

In 1696 he died, full of years. His grave was probably marked with an uncarved boulder, according to the custom of the day in remote districts, which has long since become overgrown with turf. The place is unknown.

Justinian Holden, the younger of the two brothers, was born probably in 1611, as he was baptized on the sixth of October of that

year. According to the tradition previously narrated, he was the youngest of four brothers, Richard being the eldest.<sup>1</sup>

Justinian was of a less nomadic nature, and possibly less venturesome than Richard, for he is found, living throughout his life in New England within a few miles of his first settlement, in adjacent parts of Watertown and Cambridge. His name first appears in the records of Cambridge when the committee on seating the attendants in meeting appointed Justinian Holden "to sitt in ye foremost seats."

Perhaps because of his more stationary habits and probably also because of the destruction of Richard's property by the Indians in 1675, Justinian was the more prosperous man of the two. It was to Watertown where Justinian was living that Richard went after that calamity. The older brother named one of his sons for the younger, so it appears that there was a close bond between the two families.

Justinian was twice married. His first wife, whom tradition reports as being much older than he, had no children. She died on the eighteenth of March, 1672-3, and he seems to have lost no time in finding consolation, as he was married the same year to Mary Rutter, daughter of John Rutter of Sudbury. He went to the other extreme this time, as his second wife was thirty-five years his junior. Justinian was over sixty at the time of his second marriage, and his bride but twenty-five, yet the marriage seems to have been a happy one, since he leaves in his will "to dear and loving wife" the use of all his property up to the time of the youngest child attaining the age of twelve years.

By this marriage he had seven children, four sons and three daughters.

Justinian Holden was a farmer and carpenter, or, as he would now be described, a builder, and as his means permitted accumulated land, eventually devoting himself wholly to his profitable farming interests. It was customary for the early settlers to have a trade in addition to their occupation of farming, which they could put to use and financial advantage during the winters and in off seasons. Justinian is variously styled, in the deeds with which his name is connected, as planter, husbandman, carpenter and yeoman. He was a successful man, of good standing in the community. He kept servants, and his farm on the shore of Fresh Pond in Cambridge was valuable property. It was inventoried at the time of his death at £1,075, a goodly amount in those days.

Justinian was admitted freeman of the Massachusetts Bay Company May 6, 1657, which is proof of his standing in the church.

He was probably one of the constables of Watertown in 1652 or 1653.<sup>2</sup> He is called of Cambridge in 1664, when he is allowed ten shillings for killing a wolf and a fox. He was elected surveyor of

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 58.

Cambridge in 1672 and again in 1673. In 1681 the county court granted his petition that he be released from military duty by reason of "great deafness and giddiness in the head," he being then seventy years of age.

He died in August, 1691, aged eighty years, at his farm in Cambridge.

By his will he bequeathed his farm to his wife and son, Samuel, until the youngest child should reach the age of twelve years. It is doubtful if the intent of the testator was to entail his principal messuage of 140 acres, but it was found necessary in 1712 for his heirs to petition the General Court to break the entail which resulted from the wording of the will.

The materials for this outline of the careers of Richard Holden and his brother, Justinian, were obtained from the manuscript of Mr. Putnam. Further details will be found in place beyond.

ROBERTA HOLDEN BOLE.





## FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA

1 RICHARD HOLDEN, son of William Holden of Lindsey, county Suffolk, England, was born in the year 1609, if we accept the passenger list at the time of his migration, which nearly agrees with his age as given at other times and with what has been discovered concerning his father's family. He died 1 March, 1695-6, at Groton, intestate. He married, perhaps as early as 1640, more likely in 1641, MARTHA FOSDICK, born in 1620, in England, died 6 Dec., 1681, at Watertown, daughter of Stephen Fosdick of Charlestown.

As told in the preceding chapter Richard Holden was one of the early settlers of Groton, and although driven away at the time of the Indian war returned there after the death of his wife. He lived with his son Stephen, who had the homestead, the location and descent of which is described on page 84.

There is no record extant of the birth of the children given below, except of those recorded as born at Watertown or Woburn. A list of the children surviving in 1679 is obtained from Middlesex Deeds, 7: 154, 297; two deeds in which the children of Richard and Martha Holden are named. The order of birth is therefore a matter of deduction.

### Children:

- 1 STEPHEN, born 19-5 mo. (July), 1642, at Watertown; died 12 Jan., 1658-9, at Cambridge, as described in the following report of inquest:

Camb<sup>r</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1658.

Wee whose names are subscribed, being sumoned by the Const. of Cambr to view the dead body of Steiven Holden lately deceased, we saw that his skull was [cr]ushed by a blow w<sup>ch</sup> (we were informed by Samuell Wood and Richard Parke—came by the falling of a tree, w<sup>ch</sup> himselfe had been helping to fall, and as he was going from it, the tree fell suddenly & contrary to the expectation of all that were present, and gave him his mortal wound on his head.

Edward Oakes, Edward Shephard, Jonas Clarke, William Manning, Thomas Swatman, Thomas Fox, Walter Hasting, Rob. Steddman, Gibert Cragbon, Thomas Longhorne, Humphry Bradsha, David Fiske. 5 (2) 1659. Attested on oath Tho. Danforth, Register<sup>1</sup>.

- 2- 2 JUSTINIAN, born 1644 (aged 32 or thereabouts, Dec., 1676), at Watertown or Cambridge; died 1697-1700; married MARY: (2) SUSANNAH (DUTTON) DURRANT.

<sup>1</sup>County Court files, 1659, Box 3.

- 3 MARTHA, born 15-11 mo. (Jan., 1646), 1645-6, at Watertown; died 18 March, 1687-8, at Charlestown; married THOMAS BOYDEN, born 26-7 mo., 1639, died 15 Nov., 1719<sup>1</sup> at Groton, son of Thomas and Frances Boyden of Watertown. Thomas Boyden did not prove a reliable helpmate, and his wife objected to being obliged to live with him. He seems to have been unable and perhaps unwilling to provide support for his family. It is from the court files relating to this case that we obtain the only contemporary statement of relationship between Richard and Justinian Holden, Sr., the latter being called "uncle" by Martha Boyden.<sup>2</sup>

Children:<sup>3</sup>

1. Martha Boyden, born 14 June, 1667, at Watertown; died between 1709 and 1711, the date of her husband's second marriage, at Woburn; married 27 Dec., 1688, at Woburn,<sup>4</sup> TIMOTHY REED, born 14 Feb., 1664-5, at Woburn, son of Ralph and Mary (Pierce) Reed of Woburn.<sup>4</sup>
  2. Elizabeth Boyden, born 24 May, 1670. Said to have been of Boston, unmarried in 1693.
  3. John Boyden, born 29 Nov. (6 Dec.)<sup>5</sup>, 1672, at Groton; died 24 Dec., 1754, at Walpole;<sup>6</sup> married HANNAH.
  4. Jonathan (Captain), born 27 Sept., 1675; died at Groton; married ELIZABETH LAKIN; (2) 22 March, 1737, at Groton, the widow LYDIA (LARKIN) SHEPLE.<sup>7</sup>
  5. Joseph Boyden, born 24 April, 1678; died 17 April, 1748, at Worcester;<sup>5</sup> married REBECCA.
  6. Benjamin Boyden (Bowden), born 29 May, 1683, at Charlestown.
- 4 MARY; according to Wyman she died at Woburn, being of Groton (Woburn records are silent). Administration on her estate was granted 10 Aug., 1722, to John Williams, her second son, the eldest son being deceased. She married 11 July, 1666, at Groton, THOMAS WILLIAMS of Groton who was dead in 1704. Thomas Williams in 1686 was in possession of the Graves farm in Woburn, probably as lessee, when Dr. Thomas Graves sold his farm of 360 acres to Nathaniel Richardson.<sup>8</sup> This farm was composed of five lots, four of which were purchased by the elder Thomas Graves of Waterfield Proprietors, and adjoined his own grant in West Rockfield, extending from the Charlestown (Stoneham) line on the east beyond the

<sup>1</sup>Wyman: *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown*, and Butler: *History of Groton*.

<sup>2</sup>County Court Files, 1685. Petition of Martha Boyden reciting that there happened uncomfortable differences between her and her husband Thomas Boyden: "he is now at MY UNCLE HOLDEN'S AT FRESH POND IN CAMBRIDGE." Dated at Woburn, 6 July, 1685.

At a court held July 7, 1685, it was ordered that Thomas Boyden give bond in £20 for good behaviour, and to allow his wife 10 shillings monthly for support of herself and children, and not to interfere with the children already placed as follows:

John, aged 13, with John Carter, Jr., of Woburn, Jonathan, aged 10, with John Melvin of Charlestown, Joseph, aged 7, with Francis Moore of Cambridge, with whom they are to remain until they are 21. At the next court Melvin declined to keep Jonathan, and asked the Court to make other arrangements.

<sup>3</sup>The five eldest children are recorded on Woburn records, where it is stated that the births were entered "by their mother's request, because of their moving to and fro in the Indian war, some of them were never recorded anywhere else, and the rest of the records were lost." Benjamin's birth is found at Charlestown, "son of Thomas and Martha Bowden." In her petition mentioned above she stated she had six children.

<sup>4</sup>Town records.

<sup>5</sup>County Clerk's records.

<sup>6</sup>*Descendants of Thomas Boyden*.

<sup>7</sup>Mrs. Mary Sanborn (Boyden) Slater of San Francisco (1917) is a descendant of Captain Jonathan Boyden.

<sup>8</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 10:524.

Aberjona River, and included grants to the wife of John Harvard, Abraham Palmer, James Matthews and John Stratton. On the southeast it was bounded by the 40-acre lot of Stephen Fosdick upon which John Holden lived for a time.

Children:

1. Thomas Williams, born 17-1 mo., 1667, at Groton; died there 4 Aug., 1704.<sup>1</sup> He was a wheelwright, and left a widow ELIZABETH who married, second, probably in 1706, Benjamin Swallow.
2. John Williams, born 3 Nov., 1668; died 17 Jan., 1752, aged 85, (Reverend Mr. Cooke's record of deaths) and his wife MARY 17 Feb., 1772, aged 102. Had administration on his mother's estate 1722, and it was probably his son John Williams who witnessed the bond of his father as administrator. This younger John is also probably the John Williams who married 17 April, 1718, Margaret Gooding.<sup>2</sup> John Williams the elder was appointed guardian of James Holden, son of Justinian (*Richard*) in 1700, then being of Cambridge, and the name of Jason Williams appears on his bond. This John Williams was called kinsman of James Holden, and is undoubtedly that John of Menotomy who had wife Mary and whose family, including Jason Williams, born 1 Nov., 1694, Paige records.
3. Mary Williams, born 3 Feb., 1672; married ANDREW BEARD of Menotomy and Billerica, who died 8 Jan., 1717-8. She married (2) 16 Jan., 1729-30, JAMES FROST of Billerica.<sup>3</sup>
4. Hannah Williams, born 1-12 mo., 1674; married ANDREW WILSON of Cambridge, born 17 April, 1670, died 1722, son of Robert and Deborah (Stevenson) Wilson.
5. Stephen Williams of Woburn, 1716; married, 1697, at Woburn, BETHIAH CARTER.

5 JOHN, born 17 March, 1649-50, at Woburn.<sup>4</sup>

6-6 SAMUEL, born 1650-1;<sup>5</sup> died 1739; married ANNA.

7 SARAH, born about 1658; survived her husband; married 20 Dec., 1677, at Cambridge, GERSHOM SWAN, born 30 June, 1654, died 2 July, 1708, son of John and Rebecca (Palfrey) Swan.<sup>6</sup> They lived in that part of Cambridge called Menotomy (now Arlington). She joined in deed of July, 1679.

Children:<sup>6</sup>

1. Sarah Swan, died 25 April, 1699, aged 20, unmarried.
2. Rebecca Swan, born 24 Aug., 1681; died young.
3. John Swan, born 3 Oct., 1683; died 31 March, 1752, at Menotomy; twice married, both wives being named ELIZABETH.
4. Ruth Swan, born 25 Dec., 1685; married 24 April, 1711, THEOPHILUS RICHARDSON of Woburn, who died 1723. She married

<sup>1</sup>Probate Papers.

<sup>2</sup>See Wyman's *Charlestown Estates*, Bucknam's *Stoneham Families (Ms.)*, Butler's *Groton*, and Paige's *Cambridge*.

<sup>3</sup>Hazen: *History of Billerica*.

<sup>5</sup>Born 8 June, 1650, according to Abiel Holden, probably an error for 8 Jan., 1650-1, as the preceding child was born in March.

<sup>6</sup>Paige: *History of Cambridge*.

<sup>4</sup>Town records.

(2) EBENEZER PARKER of Stoneham.

5. Abigail Swan, born 12 Feb., 1686-7; married 1 July, 1714, JOHN RICHARDSON of Woburn, who died 1745.

6. Lydia Swan, born 10 Nov., 1689; married 2 Feb., 1714-15, WILLIAM MANSUR of Medford.

7. Rebecca Swan, baptized 14 Aug., 1698; married 2 Feb., 1714-15, GEORGE ABBOTT of Cambridge.<sup>1</sup>

8-8 JOHN, born 1656 or 1657, aged 22 in 1679; died 18 Oct., 1756; married ABIGAIL; (2) SARAH PIERCE; (3) ABIGAIL MORSE. Joins in deed of July, 1679.

9-9 STEPHEN, born after 1658; joins in deed of 1679; died 1715; married HANNAH LAWRENCE.

10 THOMAS; joins in deed 1679, the last mention of him.

11 ELIZABETH; unmarried in 1679, when she joined in deed; died 1703, at Woburn; married 21 March, 1681-2 at Woburn, JOHN, son of Ralph and Mary (Pierce) Reed. Ralph Reed, who married a daughter of Anthony Pierce of Watertown, until removal to Woburn, was a near neighbor of Richard Holden in Groton.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1. John Reed, born 22 March, 1683-4.

2. Ralph Reed, born 6 Sept., 1686.

3. Elizabeth Reed, born 25 March, 1690.

Richard Holden lived in Watertown, Woburn, and Groton, and temporarily in Cambridge. There is nothing to indicate that he was in possession of any estate when he came to New England, or although he became a considerable land owner, that he acquired more than what was sufficient to support himself and family in a comfortable and fitting manner. Neither his location in Watertown or Woburn was suitable for farming with success, and the destruction of Groton by the Indians probably deprived him of whatever accumulation he had made in stock and personal property. Nevertheless he was respected, and maintained an honorable position.

There is no record extant which fixes the date when Richard Holden and his brother Justinian first settled in Watertown. They lived just east of Grove Street on Belmont Street and within the present bounds of Belmont.<sup>3</sup> On the tenth of the third month, 1642, a highway six rods wide was ordered laid out from Justinian Holden's lot to George Parkhurst's house. This is Grove Street. This order was passed in May, and in the following July Watertown records mention the birth of Richard Holden's son, Stephen.

Among Watertown records are three "inventories," one of "grants and possessions," the others respectively of "grants" and of "possessions." The internal evidence of these inventories indicates that they were made up in 1643.<sup>4</sup> The date 1644 is affixed to the "Record

<sup>1</sup>Paige: *History of Cambridge*.

<sup>2</sup>Town records.

<sup>3</sup>Belmont was incorporated in 1859 and comprised portions of the old towns of Watertown and Cambridge.

<sup>4</sup>The record of town proceedings from November, 1643, to November, 1647, are lost.



of the Grants and Possessions of the Lands in Watertowne," in which the possessions of Richard Holden are given as follows:

1. An Homestall of Five Acres bounded the South with the highway the North with George Parkus jun. the East with John Stebbin & the West with Justinian Holden.

2. Three Acres of upland bounded the North with the highway the South with the Meetinghouse land & the West with Henry Kemball jun.

The omission of this record, and of that of the holdings of Justinian Holden, from the inventory devoted solely to grants, and its appearance in the third inventory devoted wholly to possessions not grants, is good evidence that the Holden brothers purchased their homesteads sometime prior to 1642 and subsequent to the division of 1638.<sup>1</sup>

The homestall of Richard Holden is now cut up into house lots, and is rapidly being built over. He owned it as late as 5 Jan., 1648, as on that date George Parkhurst sold to William Page ten acres near the Great Pond (Fresh Pond) bounding south on land of Richard Holden.<sup>2</sup> But in 1653 this lot was in the possession of Rev. John Sherman, who lived in a house upon it. The other lot was nearly opposite his brother Justinian's homestall, on the southern side of Belmont Street. A third lot is shown on the Bond map as situated on the southern side of Mt. Auburn Street near the gate and within the present bounds of Mt. Auburn, approximately where the administration buildings stand.

The Watertown records, with the above exception and the two items noted below, are silent with regard to Richard Holden. On the 31 Aug., 1679, the constables are allowed credit for "loss of Richard Holdings Rate 1 s. 6 d." and also for the loss of Thomas Williams rate of 9 pence. And at a meeting of the selectmen 31 March, 1681-2, "Corparall Willingtun and John Stone gave in an accounte how they had bin with Dannill maginna whome they heard had hired a house of Richard Houldin in our towne."

From deeds on record we learn that Richard Holden called himself of Watertown in June, 1682, as he had in November, 1678. In November, 1685, he was in Cambridge, when he acknowledged the deed of June, 1681. But in July, 1685, he styles himself of Groton. There is nowhere on record a deed disposing of any of his land in Watertown, and approximate dates only can be supplied, obtained by finding conveyances of adjoining lots which are described as bounding on land known as his formerly, or by the sale of lands formerly his by other parties. We may assume he sold his homestall

<sup>1</sup> In November, 1635, the town voted there being too many inhabitants "that no one coming in or any family arising among ourselves, shall have any right to commonage or undivided lands except what they purchase, unless they buy a man's right." The townsman of that date was not necessarily a freeman. On the 26 June, 1637, a grant of the Remote or West Pine meadows was divided and lotted out by the Freemen to all the Townsmen then inhabiting, being 113 in number.

<sup>2</sup> *Suffolk Deeds*, I: 101.

between 1648 and 1653, on his removal to Woburn, probably in 1649, for he testified at a county court held at Cambridge in December, 1658, regarding the layout of a road to Converse's Mill, that the committee "showed us" in the spring of 1649, where they laid out the way.<sup>1</sup>

The present first volume of Woburn records, although 250 years old, is a copy of a still earlier volume. On page 15 is found the following record:

"24-4mo., 1650.

It was then agreed that the committee formerly appointed to laye out land . . . shall also laye out to Richard houlden soe much as shall make up the full of thurty acres being added to that hee hath alredy as allso to make up the like sum to Robart perce and Joseph knight."

The above record implies a former grant to Holden of which no other record exists. The rate lists for 1645 and for 1646 are recorded but neither contains his name. Those for the years 1647 to 1650 are not of record. Further mention of Richard Holden as a resident is found on these records in the years 1654, 1657 and 1658, and in the latter year he was one of a committee to lay out lands.

Holden lived at the East End in the same neighborhood as the Reads, hence the demand by Edward Johnson, 16 Feb., 1658, that "Richard Houldun and Martha his wife" be summoned with others in a case against Ralph Read.<sup>2</sup>

Holden appears once more in court as a witness, 2 April, 1661, and he was still a resident in Woburn. Michael Bacon was sued by John Johnson for a balance of a running account. Richard Houlden "aged 51 or thereabouts" testified "that Michael Bacon owned he had received linen cloth on Johnson's account at Boston."

Woburn records<sup>3</sup> 7 July (September), 1662, refer to the house "that was Richard houldens" and then owned by John Johnson,<sup>4</sup> and also, 2 Dec., 1668, we find "John Wyman, Francis Kendall, Samuwell Bloget are appointed a committee to laye out to Ralph Reed, William Simons and the sucesors that have purchased Richard houldens wright the severall proportions of swamp according to the Towne grant as it is Recorded in the Towne Book at Rock medow,

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex files, 7:10.

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex files, 8 mo., 1658. This case is important as it introduces the testimony of Richard Holden and his wife Martha, aged 38, who seem to have lived between the houses of Ralph Reed and Michael Bacon, Jr. At that time Richard Holden had two cows sick. Read claimed that because he was forward in charging Captain Edward Johnson and his sons with felling much lumber on the town common and transporting a hundred trees or more, which led to an investigation by the town, and apparently to considerable debate, Johnson sought to injure him. Reed became Holden's next neighbor in the early years at Groton.

<sup>3</sup> Vol. 1, p. 27.

<sup>4</sup> Richard Holden of Cambridge, husbandman, to John Johnson of Woburn, carpenter, the homestead where I formerly lived in Woburn at a place called the East End by estimation twenty acres: also eleven acres at Pine Plain, also a piece of meadow three acres at Bull meadow, also three acres meadow in Great meadow above the bridge. Wife Martha Holden. Dated 18 June, 1681. Acknowledged at Cambridge, 11 Sept., 1685.

as also to William Clarke and Michall Bacon the like at bull medow.”

No further mention of Richard Holden is found on the Woburn records until 1683, although the church, ministry, town, and country rates were frequent, and carefully recorded. In that year it is recorded: “There is lost of the minister’s rate . . . Of Richard Houlden 7 sh.”

His name is not on the country rate of that year, made up in August, but is on the town rate of 10 Oct., 1683, as follows:

“Richard Houlden 1 sh. 8 pence.”

His son, John Holden, also appears on this list rated for one person, “2 sh.”

No further mention is found except the item in the treasurer’s account of 1684, “paid to Richard Houlden, 5 sh. 7 pence.” From these items it is plain he had temporarily resided in Woburn prior to his return to Groton, probably during part of the year 1683.

Richard Holden removed from Woburn to Groton before September, 1662.

A plantation to be called Groaten<sup>1</sup> had been granted by the General Court, 23 May, 1655, in response to two petitions, one signed by Mr. Dean Winthrop, Mr. Thomas Hinckley and “divers others,” and the other by inhabitants of Concord, both asking for a grant at Petapawag on the Nashua River. The grant was to both sets of petitioners, and “for the present Mr. Dean Winthrop, Mr. John Tinker, Mr. Thomas Hinckley, Dolor Davis, William Martin, Matthew Harrington, John Witt, and Timothy Cooper are appointed the Selectmen for the said town for two years from the time it is laid out, to lay out and dispose of particular lots, not exceeding twenty acres to each house lot, and to order the prudential affairs of the place, at the end of which time, other Selectmen shall be chosen and appointed in their room.”<sup>2</sup>

On 16 March, 1656, Dean Winthrop, Dolor Davis, William Martin, John Tinker, Richard Smith, Robert Blood, John Larkin, and Amos Richenson, representing themselves as inhabitants of Groton, sought relief from “country taxes” for three years, and permission to employ another than Mr. Danforth to lay out their grant. And on the 14 May this petition was granted.

Three years later John Tinker petitioned the General Court for the appointment of a committee to take under consideration the affairs of the plantation which as yet remains unpeopled. Such a committee was appointed 21 Aug., 1659, which reported the same month that not above four or five families were then settled there, and that they do not find that the interest these first settlers claim in the land is just or legal. Hence they recommend that the old

<sup>1</sup> The Winthrops were from Groton, England, as well as Richard Holden, but unlike him neither Dean Winthrop or any of his family settled in Groton, New England.

<sup>2</sup> Butler: *History of Groton*, p. 12.



planters and their assigns be allowed to keep only ten acres meadow, twenty acres houselot, ten acres intervale, and ten acres of other upland, and that the rest of the grant be divided to accommodate at least sixty families. And that at the first division of lands such as have one hundred fifty pounds estate be allowed equally with the old planters above and that none exceed, and that none have less than ten acres for their houselot, five acres of meadow, five acres of other land (of which half to be intervale), but only on certain conditions, the principal of which was that they go up with their families within two years after their grant. The power of admitting inhabitants to be referred to a committee of meet persons until the plantation be in some measure filled with inhabitants and be enabled regularly to carry on the same themselves. In granting of lots children were to have their due consideration with estates. This report was approved of by the General Court 22 May, 1661, who appointed Thomas Danforth, Edward Johnson, and Ephraim Child a committee to manage the affairs of the plantation until meet men should be found among the inhabitants.

Of the committee empowered to grant lands Edward Johnson was of Woburn, where Richard Holden was living, Thomas Danforth was of Cambridge, and at a slightly later period owned lands adjoining Justinian Holden. Ephraim Childs was of Watertown.

Richard Holden, perhaps influenced by the report of Edward Johnson, the leading man in Woburn, was among the first of the new settlers attracted to Groton, going thither in the summer of 1661.

In a list of "The furst grant of every man in this town" made out upon the resettlement of the town, probably as a basis for the assessment of the rate voted in March 1678-9,<sup>1</sup> Richard Holden is down as having one "18 acre right," and Justinian Holden as possessing a "7 acre right."

Richard Holdin is first mentioned on Groton town records, which begin with an entry dated 23 June, 1662, under date of 13 May, 1666, — due "rich holdin" for laying out highways and other time spent for town use 2 shillings.

At a meeting of the selectmen 10 Jan., 1669, swine are ordered divided into three herds, whereof "one to begin at William Martins and to Nathaniell Lorances taking in Peleg Lorange and William Greenes The second from Samuell Woods to Mathias Farnworth taking in Richd holden and Joshua Whitney and his neighbors." Richard Holden was in the same division 24 Feb., 1670, and this same month highways were laid out through his land.

At the town meeting 14 Oct., 1672, the town voted to give Mr. Willard a salary of £80 of which one third was to be in provisions, "and further these persons here set downe doe promise and Ingage

<sup>1</sup> Green: *History of Groton*, pp. 54, 55.



to git Mr. Willard hay mowing making and fetching home for eight shilling per load at a seasonable time (viz) in the midle of Jully." Twelve persons signed this agreement, among whom was Richard Holden.

At the town meeting held 10 Dec., 1673, Richard Holden was chosen one of the four surveyors and also one of a committee instructed to effect a settlement with Samuel Davis. The committee were John Morse, town clerk, William Longley, constable, John Page, one of the selectmen and surveyors, Richard Holden and Justin Holden, who report 13 December that they had "condescended upon Samuells Daveses request to enterchang two parsells of land."

As shown in the preceding chapter, Richard Holden, on the destruction of the town, retired to Watertown, and did not return until 1684.

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### FOSDICK

STEPHEN FOSDICK, father of Martha Holden, was of Charlestown in 1635. He was born about 1584, as in 1653 he was aged 70 years, and in 1659 was about 75 years of age. He died 21 May, 1664, at Charlestown, leaving a will dated 23 Feb., 1663-4, proved 21 June following. In 1664 his widow Sarah, who was sister of John Wetherell,<sup>1</sup> stated she was aged 75, "had been near 40 years the wife of Fosdick," and upon her marriage had six of his children to care for. The name of his first wife, the mother of Martha Holden, is not known. Stephen Fosdick was admitted to the church 6-2 mo., 1638, and free-man 7 Sept., 1638, his name being entered by the clerk as "Fosditch."

The list of his "possessions" made out in 1638, shows he held one dwelling house with a garden plot at Sconce Point, butting southeast on the harbor. He had commons for two cows, and 69 1-2 acres in several parcels, one of which was 40 acres in West Rockfield.<sup>2</sup> Later he bought two or three small parcels.

In his will he gave to his wife "the four rooms we now make use of, one over another, the bed we now lye on, and the hutches, and the little table that are in the roomes," etc., and those things convenient for her during her life, and also half the upper garden next to Mr. Shaplye's and Michael Long during her life. After her death the house and lands were to return to his executors; the movables to be equally divided "between my grandchildren, children of James Barrett and Richard Holding that are now living."

<sup>1</sup>John Wetherell in 1663 calls Sarah, wife of Stephen Fosdick, his sister. He had wife Grace and daughter Mary, both of whom died in his lifetime. He lived in Sudbury and Watertown, dying in the latter town 23 Jan., 1672. He divided his property by will between his kinsmen James Thorpe and Ralph Day, his kinswoman Mary Webb, and to William Priest of Watertown. Thorpe and Day were of Dedham, and seem to have been connected with the Yorkshire emigrants. Fosdick's second marriage took place ten years before his removal to New England. It is probable he too was from the north of England.

<sup>2</sup>Charlestown Book of Possessions, p. 70.

To daughter "Martha the wife of Richard Holding" £10, also 40 acres land in Oburne (Woburn), bounded southeast by land of Faintnot Wines, elsewhere by the common — this land to continue to Richard Holding for the term of his life — and if Martha die before her husband, then the £10 and 40 acres to be equally divided between the children of Martha Holding.<sup>1</sup> He mentions daughter Hannah, wife of James Barrett, and her son Stephen Barrett; daughter Marah, wife of Thomas Web; grandchild Stephen Fosdick; grandchild Samuel Fosdick, son of John, after his father's decease, the house in Charlestown, the barn, yard and garden belonging to it, the hay lot, the two cow commons and the woodlot, "to him and his heirs male and so to run in the generation of the Fosdicks forever." Other legatees were grandchild John Fosdick son of John, and two children of son Thomas (apparently deceased).

His estate was inventoried at £500, including the housing, wharf and orchard valued at £160; rails and timbers on the wharf, etc., £5; one half the great boat, £5; farms at Mystic Side, £50; 40 acres land at Oburne, £20.

Fosdick was a carpenter. He was one of the appraisers of the house and acre of land which John Edwards was to buy of Harman Garret in Charlestown, under an agreement dated 17-7 mo., 1640. Edwards sought to have the bargain set aside, asserting that the valuation was not by four indifferent men but by Stephen Fosdick and Robert Nash, the former suggested by Garret, who "much commended the said Steven Fossedike saying that he was an honest man and a member of the church, and one that helped build the said house and one whome he might well put this matter unto and to him onely and that the said Harman Garret thought to make choice of him for himself."<sup>2</sup>

Children, by first wife:

- 1 HANNAH, aged 50 in 1665, married, probably in 1643, JAMES BARRETT of Charlestown, who later settled in Malden.
- 2 MARTHA, aged 38 in 1658; married RICHARD HOLDEN.
- 3 THOMAS, died 21 June, 1650.
- 4 SAMUEL, died 22 May, 1649, carpenter of the ship *Fortune*.  
Two others, who may have died prior to the migration.

By second marriage:

- 5 JOHN, aged 30 or thereabouts in 1659; died 17 Sept., 1716, *aet.* 90 years (g.s.); married ANNA BRANSON, who died 1679; (2) ELIZABETH BETTS, who died 27 Sept., 1716.
- 6 MARY, aged 30 in 1660; married THOMAS WEBB.

<sup>1</sup>Richard Holden and Martha, his wife, conveyed by deed dated 19 July, 1679, to their children, Justinian, John, and Stephen Holden, Martha wife of Thomas Boyden, Sarah wife of Gershom Swan, Elizabeth Holden, Samuel Holden, Mary wife of Thomas Williams, and Thomas Holden, forty acres of land in Woburn bequeathed by will of Stephen Fosdick. Middlesex Deeds, 7:297.

<sup>2</sup>Lechford's *Note-Book*, p. 415.

2 JUSTINIAN HOLDEN, son of William, and younger brother of Richard Holden, was born in 1611, baptized 6 Oct., 1611, at Lindsey, Suffolk, England, aged 23 in 1634; died August, 1691,<sup>1</sup> at Cambridge; married about 1641, ELIZABETH, who died 18 March, 1672-3, at Cambridge.<sup>2</sup> The Luther Holden account states that "Jestyenyan married when he was thirty years old, to a woman who was forty, and lived with her thirty years, and she died. He married again, and had four children which were sons."

He married, second, in 1673, MARY RUTTER, daughter of John and Elizabeth Rutter of Sudbury, who testified 11 April, 1692, that she was aged 45 years; and 12 Nov., 1716, conveys to John Amsden of Marlboro all her right in the second division of land allotted to her father, John Rutter, Sr., deceased.<sup>3</sup>

Children, born at Cambridge:<sup>2</sup>

1 - 1 SAMUEL, born 28 April, 1674; died 1726; married SUSANNA SHATTUCK.

2 - 2 JOHN, born 18 July, 1675; died 1767; married GRACE JENNISON.

3 - 3 ISAAC, born 26 May, 1677; died 8 March, 1772; married JOANNA SHATTUCK.

4 MARY, born 21 March, 1678-9. She was living in Marlboro, unmarried, 14 Oct., 1702, when she sells to James Barnard of Watertown her third part of 20 acres there, bequeathed by Justinian Holden to his daughters.<sup>4</sup> She is said to have married SAMUEL WARD of Marlboro,<sup>5</sup> born March, 1678, died 27 Feb., 1737-8 at Marlboro, son of Samuel and Sarah (How) Ward. His widow Mary died 17 Jan., 1758.<sup>6</sup>

Children,<sup>6</sup> born at Marlboro:

1. Ephraim Ward, born 26 June, 1705; married SUSANNAH WEEKS;  
(2) HANNAH WARD.

2. Absalom Ward, born 20 Sept., 1706; died 21 Jan., 1788, at Southboro; married MARY WILKINSON.

3. Tamur Ward, born 11 Sept., 1708; died unmarried.

4. Samuel Ward, born 11 Jan., 1709-10; died unmarried.

5. Usley Ward, born 23 Aug., 1711; married 30 March, 1736, NATHAN PRESCOTT of Marlboro.

6. Uriah Ward, born 2 Aug., 1716; died 1791, at Charlton; married 8 April, 1741, SARAH OAKS; (2) 13 May, 1790, ABIGAIL (HARWOOD) MCINTIRE.

7. Benjamin Ward, born 10 Nov., 1719; died 1802, at Charlton; married MARY OAKS.

5 GRACE, born 13 Aug., 1681; died 9 Nov., 1714, at Watertown; married

<sup>1</sup>William Shattuck deposed 19 April, 1692, that Justinian Holden moved to his farm in Cambridge, last part of December or beginning of January, and there remained until the day of his death about the middle of August following, and that Samuel Garfield had been his servant eighteen or nineteen years past. The widow, Mary Holden, testified that Garfield had lived with her husband one and three-quarters years in the limits of Watertown, some months before his decease. *Middlesex files*.

<sup>2</sup>Town records.

<sup>3</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 18:483.

<sup>5</sup>F. A. Holden *Ms*.

<sup>6</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 14:80. Elizabeth and Grace also conveyed their interest, in 1708 and 1712 respectively.

<sup>6</sup>Marlboro records. *Ward Genealogy*, pp. 27, 52, where the family name of the wife does not appear. Samuel was second cousin of General Artemas Ward, Commander-in-chief of the Massachusetts troops until Washington took command.



17 Dec., 1713, at Watertown,<sup>1</sup> BENJAMIN EDDY, born 16 Sept., 1673, at Watertown, died 19 Dec., 1729,<sup>1</sup> at Oxford, son of Samuel and Sarah (Meade) Eddy. She chose her "uncle," Isaac Amsden of Marlboro, her guardian, 12 Sept., 1698. He had married her aunt, Jane Rutter.

Child:

1. Grace Eddy, born 24 Oct., 1714, at Watertown; married 20 Feb., 1746, JABEZ STOCKWELL<sup>1</sup> of Sutton.

6-6 JOSEPH, born 6 Sept., 1683; died 30 Nov., 1768; married ABIGAIL SHATTUCK, (2) MRS. ELIZABETH RUSSELL.

7 ELIZABETH, born 6 May, 1686, baptized 24 Oct., 1686, at Watertown; died 1767 in her "eightieth year,"<sup>2</sup> or, according to F. A. Holden, quoting an "Ancient Manuscript" (probably Abel Holden's), in 1766, where she is described as "a woman of a good degree of understanding, smartness of temper, yet well under the government of reason, she was perhaps near forty years of age before she married." She married 31 May, 1728, at Watertown, HENRY GODDIN, born 28 Oct., 1704, died 1759, son of William and Mary (Pease) Goddin. Administration on her estate, then being a widow, was granted to Henry Holden (232) 1 Dec., 1767, who rendered an account as executor of the will of Henry Goddin, Dec., 1768.

Justinian Holden arrived in New England in 1634, but the first mention found of him is in Watertown records,<sup>3</sup> 10 3d mo. 1642, when his lot is mentioned, and on that day it was ordered by the Town that townsmen who had not had farms laid out formerly should take them "ten in a division." By this vote Justinian Holden obtained a farm of forty acres. The grant was according to "head of persons and cattle," thirteen acres of upland to each. He was not named among the townsmen, 113 in number, June, 1637. In the inventory of each man's possessions, made up between 1639 and 1644, his possessions are listed as:

A homestall of five acres, bounded south with the highway, north by land of George Parkhurst, east by the homestall of Richard Holden and west by that of John Rogers.

Thirty acres<sup>4</sup> of upland, being a great dividend in the fourth division and the nineteenth lot.

Forty acres of upland for a farm in the seventh division.

Three acres and three roods of upland bounded on the north and

<sup>1</sup>Town records.

<sup>2</sup>Wyman: *Charlestown Estates*.

<sup>3</sup>Watertown Town and Proprietors records have been printed, also those of Cambridge.

<sup>4</sup>The thirty acres of the fourth division was originally granted Frances Onge, July 25, 1636. She died November, 1638, aged 55 years. She had previously lived in Lavenham, Suffolk, and left children of whom are supposed to be Simon Onge, who died unmarried in 1678, and his brother, Jacob Onge of Groton, on whose bond, as executor of his brother's estate, Justinian Holden was surety. Another child may have been Mary Onge, who was a passenger on the same ship as the Holdens, and then aged 27. Simon Onge was born about 1622. No settlement of the estate of Frances Onge has been found, hence it is only surmise that she may have been mother of Justinian Holden's first wife. Justinian Holden was intimately acquainted with Simon Onge's affairs as appear by depositions in 1679. See Massachusetts Archives, 16:154. As his wife was deceased in 1679, without leaving children, Justinian Holden was not entitled to participate in the division of Simon's estate, if he was a brother-in-law. The Luther Holden narrative states that Justinian was married at thirty years of age, which agrees with the probable date of his becoming a townsman in Watertown, and that his wife was ten years his senior.





NORTHERN SHORE OF FRESH POND, ONE OF THE BOUNDS OF FARM OF JUSTINIAN HOLDEN



east by land of Christopher Grant and on the northwest by land of George Parkhurst, and on the west by land of Richard Holden.<sup>1</sup>

The homestall was on the corner of what is now Grove Street in Belmont and with the other lands was sold to Rev. John Sherman in 1673.

In 1653, on the first day of the first month, Justinian Holden purchased for £210 the large farm of Deacon Nathaniel Sparhawk, from the latter's estate, consisting of 294 acres, with dwelling house and buildings lying north of Fresh Pond, now within the limits of Belmont, at that time a part of Cambridge and then leased to James Kidder until March, 1657. In 1660 he was described as of Cambridge, and in 1662 was "to sitt in ye foremost seats" in the Meeting House. In the late winter of 1664-5, the town of Cambridge granted lots carrying a right in the cow commons, and Holden, having Lot 128, ten acres, was entitled to two cow commons. In 1684 he received a dividend of fifteen acres out of the common lands beyond the eight-mile limit, between that line and Concord line.

As noted in a former chapter, while a resident of Watertown he twice filled the important office of constable, which carried with it the duties of collecting rates and making disbursements therefrom on town account, and after becoming a resident of Cambridge was twice surveyor.

Justinian Holden was probably one of the constables for Watertown in 1652 or 1653,<sup>2</sup> and in 1654 the town owed him £1-1-0 for killing a wolf and a fox.

In February and March, 1664-5, the town of Cambridge granted lots which should carry an interest in the cow commons, at the same time voting that no more proprietors should be admitted. Justinian Holden had lot 128, ten acres, entitling him to two cow commons. Twenty years later, 24 Mar., 1684, in a division of the lots beyond the eight-mile line, between that and Concord line, he received fifteen acres in the third and fourth "squadrant."<sup>3</sup>

He was elected surveyor in November, 1672, and again in 1673.

In June, 1681, the County Court granted the following petition, which is in the files of the Court:

"To the Honored Court now sitting at Charles Town this 25th of June 1681 the petition of Justinian Holden of Cambridge humbly sheweth that whereas your Pet<sup>r</sup> is disabled by the Providence of God from attending the Countrey service in military exercises by reason of great deaftness, & Giddiness in his head besides other infirmities of old age, he being now about 70 years of age; he doth humbly crave of this Honored Court that they would please fully to free him from the said exercises, & yr Pet<sup>r</sup> shall humbly Pray &c."

<sup>1</sup>These three acres and the five acres were adjacent to the "now dwelling house of Justinian Holden in Watertown." See deed to Sherman, 1673 (Middlesex Deeds, 5:12).

<sup>2</sup>Town records, p. 33.

<sup>3</sup>Proprietors' records.

There are many conveyances of land by and to Justinian Holden.

#### ABSTRACT OF WILL OF JUSTINIAN HOLDEN

To dear and loving wife and eldest son Samuel Holden, farm house, barn, orchard and all lands adjoining bounded south with the Great Pond, west with "Woods his ditch" into the Little Pond, east by a brook, and north by a ditch, in joint tenancy during the life of the wife, then to son Samuel.

To son John Holden the house and lands bought of Thorp, and all lands in a straight line to the Sandy Hill and so along the highway leading to the farm house, and so down to the pond, not going over Wood's ditch, allowing his brethren free ingress, etc., to mill and market.

To son Isaac Holden twenty acres, bounded by land given by me to my son Isaac, to a ditch called "Woods his ditch," east to Sandy Hill, and so upon a line to Monottomy.

To his three sons John, Isaac and Joseph Holden, a parcell of meadow beyond the first ditch next the farm, bounded north by meadow of John Stratton, south by Reuben Luxford, and east by the brook.

To his four sons, Samuel, John, Isaac, and Joseph Holden, to be divided between them, all his pasture and three wood lots called Shepard's Swamp.

Son Isaac Holden to have twenty acres. The executors are to set an orchard of two acres in the Rye field, and care for it until Joseph is of age, when it is to be his.

To his three daughters, Mary, Grace, and Elizabeth Holden his moveable estate and twenty acres meadow between the farm ditch and Luxford's ditch.

Wife Mary to have the use of the whole estate until the youngest child is twelve years of age in consideration of bringing up the young children.

Lands given to "my sons I give to them and to their heirs lawfully begotten," or if any of them should die without lawful issue, then the lands "shall go to the surviving sons equally."

Wife Mary and son Samuel executors, friends Isaac Amsden of Marlboro, and William Shattock of Watertown to be overseers.

The mark of JUSTINIAN HOLDEN.

Witnessed by John Rutter, Lydia Barron.

Jonathan Remington.

Dated, 12 Aug., 1691: proved 6 Oct., 1691.

An inventory was taken 30 Sept., 1691, by Jacob Amsden and Elless Barron, disclosing personal estate to the value of £80 including his "books," valued at 15 shillings, and his "armer" valued at £1-16-0, and two dwelling houses, two orchards, and land and

(With a seal of which the device is obliterated by the silk used to repair the document.)



meadow, including three acres, called Shepard's swamp in "Cambridge Woods," to the value of £1073. An additional inventory of £45-09 was filed 6 Sept., 1692.

On the 12 Aug., 1699, an agreement was drawn up, but which was not signed by Isaac, stating that Samuel, John, Isaac, and Samuel as guardian for Joseph, agree that as no provision has been made by their father for their mother, after the bringing up of the minor children, that each is to cut and house hay for one cow, supply two loads of wood, and that she is to live on the land she now lives upon. They further agree to pay £6-13-4 to their sisters Mary, Grace and Elizabeth, to each when eighteen or married.

Although probably not so intended the terms of the will created an entail on the principal messuage of 140 acres, and it was found necessary in 1712 for his heirs to petition the General Court to break the entail which resulted from that clause in his will which provided that the lands he had given to his sons should pass to their own lawful issue, or in case of their decease without issue, to pass to the surviving sons equally. The division of the estate had been so irregular that the sons, Samuel, John, Isaac, and Joseph, set forth in their petitions that the "said lands are very mean and poore and by the Devise of their Father aforesaid Parcelled out into Nineteen Several Peices or Alotments So intermixed One among another that the making & fencing Out Necessary ways across the Divisions will be Such an intollerable Charge that all the Timber and Stone that can be procured or gotten on the premises is not Sufficient to Fence the same one time; and the Living is Cut out in so many parcells as Renders it incapable of Improvement in any Measure for the support of their Familys who are greatly Multiplied with a Numerous Posterity Since the Testators decease And must necessarily Quit the Estate to provide for themselves and Familys Elsewhere Unless they can be Allowed to pass away their Right and Interest to and among One another So as to make a Comfortable Living for one or more of them and will probably fall into the hands of Strangers and the Minde and Intent of the Testator be thereby Defeated by the Estate passing out of his Name and Family." For the prevention of which the Court passed an Act permitting the petitioners to convey their respective parts to one another, to be holden of such purchasers respectively, their heirs and assigns forever.<sup>1</sup>

An adjustment was effected between the sons, and soon parts of the estate were by their own deed transferred to a stranger.

Nevertheless it became necessary to again petition the legislature, and this was done 16 Nov., 1728, by Benjamin Clark of Cambridge, and his wife Lydia, and John Shattuck and others. Their petition was received 18 Dec., 1728, and allowed the 3 Sept., 1729.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Acts, 30 Oct., 1712.

<sup>2</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 29:533.

## SECOND GENERATION

12 JUSTINIAN (*Richard*), born 1644, at Watertown or Cambridge; aged "thirty two or thereabouts" 19 Dec., 1676;<sup>1</sup> died intestate, probably in 1699 (living 14 Dec., 1696, but not living 17 March, 1700);<sup>2</sup> married MARY, who died 15 May, 1691, at Woburn.<sup>3</sup>

He married, second, 6 Dec., 1693,<sup>4</sup> SUSANNAH (DUTTON) Durrant, born 27 Feb., 1653-4, at Woburn, living in Dec., 1723, at Cambridge, daughter of Thomas and Susannah Dutton of Billerica, and widow of John Durrant of that place, whom she married 16 Nov., 1670, and who died in prison at Cambridge, 27 Oct., 1692, during the witchcraft excitement. By her first marriage Mrs. Holden had four children, John Durrant, Thomas Durrant, Abigail Durrant and Mehit-able Durrant. The last named married, 16 Dec., 1708, Thomas Skinner, who lived in Malden and at one time and another rented Ten Hills Farm. In Sept., 1721, the "Widow Holden" living in a house of her "son in law Skinner" was warned by the Charlestown selectmen. She was previously warned in Nov., 1720, having come from Malden, and again Dec., 1723, then living with her son-in-law at Phipps' Farm (now East Cambridge). Billerica selectmen authorized the payment to the widow Marshall and Samuel Trull in Nov., 1702, for keeping the widow Holden.<sup>5</sup>

### Children:

- 1 MARAH, born 20 May, 1680, at Groton,<sup>3</sup> "of Justinian and Marah"; died prior to 1724, probably at Charlestown; married 9 Feb., 1702-3, at Charlestown, JONATHAN FOSKETT, baptized 1 Nov., 1674, at Charlestown, died prior to 1756, probably at Medford, son of John and Elizabeth (Leach) Foscett.<sup>6</sup>

### Children:<sup>6</sup>

1. Jonathan Foscett, born 12 Nov., 1703.
2. John Foscett, born 1 March, 1705-6.
3. Mary Foscett, born 2 June, 1709; married (intention 16 Oct., 1733) JAMES RUSSELL, JR., of Lexington.
4. Rachel Foscett<sup>7</sup> married, 1734, JOHN CARTER.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Middlesex records. <sup>2</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 12:368; and Probate under James Holden.

<sup>3</sup>Town records. <sup>4</sup>R. W. Holden *Ms.*; no place or authority given. <sup>5</sup>Archives, 45:329.

<sup>6</sup>Wyman: *Charlestown Estates*.

<sup>7</sup>W. F. Bucknam papers. Was there also a son Ebenezer?

2-2 JAMES, born 1685 (aged 15, March, 1700); died 1766; married HANNAH ADAMS.

3 DANIEL, born 11 July, 1688, at Groton,<sup>1</sup> "by wife Mary"; died young.

4-4 EBENEZER, born 11 May, 1690, at Woburn;<sup>1</sup> died 1756; married ELIZABETH REED.

By second marriage:

5 SUSANNAH,<sup>2</sup> born 16 Oct., 1694, at Billerica.<sup>1</sup> According to the Richardson Memorial, she married TIMOTHY RICHARDSON<sup>2</sup> born 24 Jan., 1687-8, at Woburn, son of Stephen and Abigail (Wyman) Richardson of Malden, and removed to Attleboro about 1714, and had the following children:

1. Timothy Richardson, born 18 Oct., 1715; married 22 March, 1738, ALICE WYMAN.
2. Abiel Richardson, born 12 Oct., 1717.

Justinian Holden had a seven-acre proprietor's right in Groton. This was granted him prior to March, 1678-9, but as is the case with his father's original grant or purchase, there is no contemporary record when he obtained it. As early as Feb., 1672-3, the town ordered that the cattle of Richard and Justinian Holden should be in the third herd. In Dec., 1673, he and his father were of the "Town Committee," evidently concerning lands, and in March, 1674-5, he was one to set part of the town bounds.<sup>1</sup> It is possible that he had already married, at this time, but if so there is no trace of wife or children.

The Sergeant Holden of Woburn mentioned in Stoake's letter of Feb., 1675-6 (see under John Holden), was undoubtedly Justinian, which points to his having entered the army prior to the attack upon Groton in March, 1676, when his father's family were driven away and sought refuge in Watertown.

He was one of Captain Daniel Henchman's command which gathered at Concord, May, 1676, and proceeded to Hadley, where they arrived June 14, meeting the Indians in battle at Washakom Ponds en route, and joined the Connecticut forces in a brief campaign on the Connecticut River. The company left Hadley before June 30 to march towards Boston. Justinian Holden and the majority of the company are listed under date of 24 Aug., 1676.<sup>3</sup> He was one of the troopers of Captain Thomas Brattle who went on the expedition to seize Philip in July, 1676. On 23 Sept., 1676, Captain Joseph Sill obtains credit for his men, among whom was Holden. Sill had been with Henchman, but early in September had been given command of a company which marched to the eastward. On 6 September he was at Dover, where the Indians had gathered at Major Waldron's, and where Hathorne and Sill insisted upon making prisoners all formerly hostile. This affair was later the cause of Major Waldron's

<sup>1</sup>Town records.    <sup>2</sup>F. H. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup>Bodge: *Soldiers in King Philip's War*, pp. 58, 264, 271, 373.

frightful death at the hands of Indians. He had opposed the orders of Sill. After scouting to vicinity of Falmouth, Sill's command returned to Piscataqua early in October.

This service of Holden was done to the credit of Cambridge. During the period following the close of the Indian War, and his reappearance in Groton in 1680, it has been assumed that he married. From a conveyance made by Ebenezer Holden as "heir of Samuel Freeman of Watertown," it may be that his wife's father or grandfather was Samuel Freeman. The birth of his eldest child is recorded at Groton in May, 1680, and in November he purchased 20 acres there. He was chosen fence-viewer in Dec., 1682, and constable in Dec., 1683, one of the surveyors in 1687 and 1688.

His residence in Groton in 1688 is shown by a deed dated 6 Feb., 1688, conveying to Benjamin Farnsworth fourteen acres near unto the now dwelling house of the said Justinian Holden, on easterly side of the highway leading to Pine Meadow. This deed was not acknowledged until 15 July, 1696, nor recorded until 2 June, 1736.<sup>1</sup> He lived on or near James Brook, just north of the present Ayer boundary, and about half a mile south of his brother Stephen.

In 1690 he was taxed in Woburn for one person and estate, two shillings, eight pence. After the death of his wife he removed to Billerica. The following entry appears upon Billerica records, 30 March, 1695:

"Justinian Holden seized by John Baldin and Isack Sterns for Country and town dus and detained that night at Mr. Farmer's house. The selectmen met about it to have compounded and persuaded him but to small purpose. The next day as he was going down to jaile he then informed ye constables of cattell he had at his place in Osborne which when they had secured his person was freed. And one cow was seized yt was sould for £3 the constable gave in ye bills what was due in rates to ye county and towne with their charge in seizing his person amounting unto £3 10 sh.

"The cow drepted at £3 and ye money engaged to be speedily paid and was, y<sup>e</sup> was the bell about the cows neck valued by Holdin at 5 sh. at ye same time he paid the constable 3 sh. and 6d. Therefore that the other beast which was seized should not be sold at ye same time I gave John Baldin a receipt as town treasurer of 10 sh. in money that I relieve."

Doctor Hazen thinks this trouble with the Billerica authorities may have been the cause of his leaving that town. He was of Cambridge, 14 Dec., 1696, when he gave power of attorney to his wife Susannah and son Thomas Durren,<sup>2</sup> both of Cambridge, to enter upon and take possession of his lands at Woburn and to sell the

<sup>1</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 37:546.

<sup>2</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 12:308.



same. This was witnessed by John Watson, John Durran,<sup>1</sup> Abraham Watson, and Jacob Amsden, and recorded 7-15-1699.<sup>2</sup> In this instrument Justinian is described as a carpenter. The date of record of this power of attorney is very likely that of the year of his death.

16 SAMUEL (*Richard*), born 1650-1; died 1739, aged 89; buried in the "Old Yard," at Stoneham; married Anna.<sup>2</sup> Her gravestone at Stoneham had the following inscription: "Here lyes ye Body of Anna Holdin wife of Samuel Holdin, who Died June ye 18<sup>th</sup> 1731 Aged 72 years."<sup>3</sup> She was dismissed from Reading church 4 Jan., 1729-30, and received into Stoneham church 11 Jan., 1729-30.

#### Children:

- 1 ANNA, born 1 March, 1682, at Groton;<sup>4</sup> married 17 April, 1717, at Woburn,<sup>4</sup> EPHRAIM LEATHERBEE (LARRABEE), born 1698, at North Yarmouth, Me.,<sup>5</sup> living 25 Sept., 1775, when the town of Stoneham voted £8 for his keeping, son of Stephen and Mable Larrabee.<sup>5</sup> He was warned by Woburn, 1749. He lived in Stoneham, on the old road from Malden to Reading, and perhaps kept the White Face Tavern.<sup>5</sup> This location is now in Melrose.

#### Children:<sup>5</sup>

1. Rebecca Leatherbee, baptized 25 May, 1718, at Reading; married JOHN CONNELLY.<sup>5</sup>
2. Ephraim Leatherbee, baptized 24 April, 1720, at Reading. He was a rope-maker.
3. Thomas Leatherbee, born 4 Sept., 1722; died 15 Aug., 1792,<sup>5</sup> at Woburn; married 24 Aug., 1745, ANNA WINSHIP; (2) 8 Nov., 1748, ABIAL STRATTON, born 28 Jan., 1729; died 12 March, 1808, at Burlington, daughter of Nathaniel and Esther (Parker) Stratton.<sup>5</sup> He served in the French War, 1757-8; settled in Woburn; was a rope-maker.
4. John Leatherbee, married PRISCILLA.
5. Anna Leatherbee.
- 2 SAMUEL, died 28 July, 1688, at Groton.<sup>4</sup>
- 3-3 JOSEPH, born not later than 1695; died about 1746; married NAOMI HOWE.
- 4-4 SAMUEL, born 28 July, 1699;<sup>6</sup> died 12 Oct., 1761; married ELIZABETH DIX.
- 5 ABIGAIL;<sup>7</sup> died in lifetime of her husband; married 22 Dec., 1714,<sup>4</sup> at

<sup>1</sup>Durran is another form of Durrant.

<sup>2</sup>The late Wilbur F. Bucknam contributed a valuable series of articles on Stoneham families to the *Stoneham Independent*, and devoted the issues of April 12 and May 10, 1902, to the Holden family. He erred in statement that Samuel Holden married Anna, daughter of Deacon Nathaniel Lawrence of Groton. Deacon Lawrence's daughter Hannah is called in his will Hannah Holden — she had married Stephen Holden. Mr. Bucknam also recalled the fact that the Holden place was on what is now Marble Street, and the old cellar could be seen until recently, being nearly opposite the junction of Hill Street, near the pair of bars in the wall on the south side of the street.

<sup>3</sup>What purports to be a copy of Asa Holden's journal, perhaps taken from "Eben Holden's book, April 9, 1796," states that "Great grandmother Anna Holden died June 18, 1731, aged 78. She died of pleurisy fever and I found her gravestone in the old burying ground at Stoneham, near the edge of the cemetery which has the bank wall of stone, and next to Anthony Hadley and near one of the David Goulds."

<sup>4</sup>Town records.

<sup>5</sup>W. F. Bucknam papers.

<sup>6</sup>Bullock *Ms.*

<sup>7</sup>The Abial Holden *Ms.*, calls Abigail "eldest daughter," and Mercy (Mary) "youngest daughter." The marriages are given.

Reading, ANTHONY HADLEY, said by unauthenticated tradition to have been born 1694 in Scotland and a deserter from the English army in 1714.<sup>1</sup> His will, dated 1769, names his four sons.

Children, born at Stoneham (Charlestown End):

1. John Hadley, born 13 Feb., 1715-6; married SARAH WILLIAMS.<sup>1</sup>
2. Samuel Hadley, baptized 3 Aug., 1718, at South Reading; married ABIGAIL RICHARDSON.<sup>1</sup>
3. Anthony Hadley, born 19 Feb., 1722-3; married 15 Nov., 1744, at Stoneham, ABIGAIL GREEN. He was a tailor in Stoneham.
4. Thomas Hadley, baptized 3 July, 1726, at South Reading; married April, 1752, MARY COX. He was in the French War, 1756.<sup>1</sup>
- 6 MARY (MERCY?); married prior to 1722, THOMAS JOHNSON of Charlestown, mariner, who had gift of land from her father, 13 July, 1722;<sup>3</sup> died prior to 1741.<sup>1</sup> She married, (2) 4 March, 1744-5, at Stoneham,<sup>4</sup> JOHN SOUTHER.

Child:

1. Thomas Johnson, "of Mary," baptized 26 May, 1723, at Reading; married 25 Oct., 1744, SARAH GRIFFIN.<sup>1</sup>

The summer of 1678 found Groton again inhabited. Among those who returned prior to 1680 were Justinian, Samuel, and Stephen Holden. On the 29 March, 1679, Richard Holden, then of Watertown, in consideration of 40 shillings in hand and bills for the balance, conveyed to his son Samuel, who is also called of Watertown in the deed, 30 acres at Way Pond in Groton through which the highway passed, and surrounded by the town commons: also 3 acres at Indian Hill between Samuel Wood and Joseph Parker.<sup>5</sup>

Samuel Holden was also granted by the town at a general town meeting held 8 June, 1680, a small slip of land, containing about 40 or 50 poles, bordering on the highway.<sup>6</sup> In the minister's rate of 30 Dec., 1681, he was assessed 5 shillings, Stephen Holden, 11 sh. 2 d., and Justinian Holden 9 sh. 1 d. The total rate was £55-1-6, and was paid by 78 persons. On the 31 Jan., 1683-4, there is a record that £1-5-0 had been paid Samuel Holden on account of Peleg Lawrence for work done in finishing the meeting house.<sup>6</sup>

There is a record at Groton of the death there of Samuel son of Samuel Holden, 28 July, 1688. Samuel Holden was taxed 30 Sept., 1689, in Woburn. The next mention we find of him is in a deed of date of 2 Jan., 1689-90, when he buys the Allen lot in what is now Stoneham, and is called of Woburn, but Woburn records do not mention him later, except as being taxed for his estate in August, 1690. Undoubtedly he had removed from Groton the preceding

<sup>1</sup>W. F. Bucknam papers.

<sup>2</sup>The Abial Holden *Mss.*, calls Abigail "eldest daughter," and Mercy (Mary) "youngest daughter." The marriages are given.

<sup>3</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 23:227. <sup>4</sup>Town records. <sup>5</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 7:72. <sup>6</sup>Green: *Groton Records*, pp. 58, 85.

year, perhaps taking advantage of the snow to sled his household belongings, and was living at his brother John's within Woburn bounds until his own farm was cleared and house ready for occupancy.

At the time of his purchase of the Allen lot that entire section which is now Stoneham was practically a wilderness, embraced in the limits of Charlestown, known as Charlestown End. The ancient way from Woburn to Charlestown, and a way to Reading and Saugus, ran just north of the Allen lot. In 1658 all except the northern third of Stoneham was divided into ranges extending south to the then northern limit of the Medford farm of Governor Cradock. And these ranges, fifteen in number, divided into lots, were allotted as a first and second division among Charlestown proprietors. North of this division the land remained Charlestown commons. Except for the few clearings in the north part of the town and in that section afterward annexed to Wakefield, the whole of this territory was held by the Charlestown proprietors, or their heirs and assigns, as wood lots.<sup>1</sup>

In 1688 a subscription was taken for the new meeting house in Reading, and the inhabitants of Charlestown End who attended services in Reading were called upon to subscribe toward this building. The church records show that the subscribers were John Gould, Daniel Gould, Thomas Gerry, Matthew Smith, Sen., Matthew Smith, Jr., Michael Smith, Thomas Cutler, Samuel Cowdrey, Andrew Phillips. These nine persons were evidently the heads of families, and with their families the sole inhabitants of Charlestown End. This settlement was about what is called Farm Hill, in the northern part of the town. An old way from Woburn to Reading ran through this section and afforded the settlers reasonable facilities for reaching either place, and the settlements in both towns early extended well to the Charlestown boundaries. Wakefield<sup>2</sup> and Woburn villages are about seven miles apart in an air line.

South of this settlement around Farm Hill and including what is now practically the village of Stoneham, and the land to the south of it, was a plain called in very early times Doleful Plain, and the pond beyond it was called Doleful Pond. South of this is the country now embraced in the State reservation, Middlesex Fells, — a hilly country, traversed by ravines and watercourses, which for a long time supplied the older settlements with lumber. Here and there existed available farm sites which were gradually utilized, but the country as a whole was not fit for cultivation. This led to practical isolation of the inhabitants of Charlestown End from Charlestown proper. Their church affiliations were with Reading, and they were

<sup>1</sup>An exception was the Gould farm, close by Reading bounds and village, and now included in Wakefield.

<sup>2</sup>The original Reading settlement is now Wakefield.



left to care for their own affairs very largely, — apparently with considerable success.

The neighboring parts of Woburn — now the northeastern part of Winchester — and that section of Woburn now Montvale, was the home of the Richardsons, and after King Philip's War this section of Middlesex County, comprising the northeastern part of Woburn, the southwestern part of Reading and the northwestern part of Stoneham, became settled largely with families who did not care to again risk the dangers of frontier life. Such were the Lawrences and Holdens from Groton, and Batemans from Concord, who formed the little settlement on both sides of the Woburn line, at about the junction of the present boundary of Stoneham, Woburn and Winchester.

Adjoining the Fosdick lot in Woburn, of 40 acres, left by will to Martha Holden's children (which in 1679, after the flight from Groton, Richard and Martha Holden released to their children), was the Graves farm of 360 acres, which was leased to Thomas Williams, John Holden's brother-in-law. That same year John Holden received a deed from his brothers and sisters of the Fosdick lot. This was the nucleus of the Holden farm in Woburn, and here John Holden probably settled in 1679.

Stephen Holden, the younger brother, had gone with the first of the settlers who returned to Groton in 1678, while his father, Richard, tarried one year in Cambridge, another in Watertown, and still another in Woburn before returning to Groton.

The church records of Woburn for the first century or more are lost, nor are those of Reading complete. In 1729, when the church at Stoneham was established, among those who were dismissed from the church at Reading was Anna, the wife of Samuel Holden. This connection with the Reading church of a woman whose husband's family was affiliated with the Woburn church, who himself was not a member of the Reading church, and who lived on the Woburn boundary, suggests that Anna Holden may have been connected with these families who had settled in Charlestown End. There is no record of the marriage of Anna and Samuel Holden in those places where it seems possible that they could have been married, nor is her name mentioned in the settlements of any of the estates of persons with whom a relationship might be supposed to exist. It would seem evident that they were married in 1680 or 1681, during the period we suppose Samuel Holden to have been living with his brother John or with his father in Woburn, Watertown, or Cambridge. Had she been a Groton woman the chances are that the family would have remained in Groton, for, although the people of that frontier town lived in constant apprehension of Indian marauders, they were not molested after the destruction of the



town in 1676, until 1694, a period of nearly twenty years, and five years after Samuel Holden had left Groton. There is preserved in the family a tradition that Samuel Holden had himself suffered from an Indian raid. This tradition is printed by Mr. Stevens, taken from a written account which he describes as "an ancient paper."

At the time that this event is supposed to have taken place, as related in this narrative, Samuel Holden was doubtless an unmarried man. While such an experience as is here narrated is quite what may have happened to any family settled on the frontier, it can hardly correctly describe an event in the life of Samuel Holden. The story may and probably does relate the experience of some Groton family, perhaps of a near relative of Samuel or of his wife.

Richard Holden was in Groton at the time of the Indian attack in 1676, but his children had passed the age when the mother could take them in arms, nor had he at that time any grandchildren. Possibly it tells of the experience of the family of Richard Holden, whose son Samuel may have taken post behind the door, armed to protect the flight of the mother, and perhaps sisters, and his infirm father. It is rarely tradition escapes embellishment, and the "children in arms" may, in this case, be the creation of the imagination of a descendant. The written account which follows is probably to be credited to Luther or Abiel Holden:

"Samuel Holden, second son to Richard Holden, lived in Groton until the Indian War (which probably was the war with Philip, but whether it was or not, I shall not determine) the war with Philip, I think, was about the year 1675, at which time Mrs. R. [*i. e.* Mrs. Rowlinson, who was taken captive in Feb., 1676,] was taken captive.

"The town in the night was beset with Indians; the Indians came to this house in the night and broke it open and came in. His wife made her escape out of a door with two small children in her arms and went into a corn-field. Mr. Holden stood behind a door with a gun in his hand, intending to kill some of them, but it being so dark he could not see them. He also made his escape out of the house and went to a garrison house. The Indians, after plundering the house, went off. Soon after this Samuel Holden moved to Stoneham (then Charlestown) for fear of the Indians."

Samuel Holding, now resident in Woburn, formerly of Groton, husbandman, from Sarah Allen of Charlestown, widow and executrix of will of John Allen, mariner, of Charlestown, in consideration of £22, 45 acres in Charlestown, on the Rocks near Woburn, being my proportion of the 2d division bounding on Eleazer Bateman and David Fox. Son Thomas Allen joins. Dated 2 Jan., 1689. Acknowledged by Thomas Allen 13 Aug., 1692.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 11:17.

He gave back a mortgage the same day to secure his payments, as follows; £8 in money and £7 in pork and corn in 1691, £7 in kind in 1692; or £18 if paid in money before Michaelmas to be a full discharge. Discharged 13 Aug., 1692.

The Allen lot, although described in the deed to Samuel Holden as 45 acres, was actually one half of 95 acres. At the time of Holden's purchase his nearest neighbor was Eleazer Bateman, who had bought a second division lot of Nowell in 1685, on which was a frame of house 18 x 22 and a cellar. Bateman was a carpenter, and may have assisted in the erection of Samuel Holden's house. In 1691 he purchased the southern half (27 acres) of the Allen lot from Samuel Holden. Dade's lot adjoining was purchased by Bateman in 1699, and with two adjoining lots was sold by him in 1713 to Joseph Underwood, who also bought the Nowell lot of Bateman, and became Samuel Holden's neighbor on the north and east. His land in part was bounded east by Joseph Holden, who had come into possession of a part of Thomas Shippey's lot. In 1723, Underwood sold 64 acres to Joseph Arnold, who at once proceeded to divide his purchase with Peter Hay, Jr., and John Hay, one of the lots so conveyed being described as the "lime kiln lot."<sup>1</sup>

Deacon Lawrence, who perhaps followed Samuel Holden to Stoneham, purchased of Joseph Lynde in 1695 three lots to the northeast of Samuel Holden's land.

Dean,<sup>2</sup> the earliest historian of Stoneham, whose little book was published in 1840, and Judge Stevens, a later historian, — and also Mr. Bucknam, who has written upon the genealogies of the families of the town, — have all mentioned the Holdens, whose farms formed this corner of Stoneham next Woburn and Winchester. Although there can be no doubt that Samuel Holden both granted and received some land not of record, it is extremely doubtful if his holdings at any time exceeded 100 acres. The family was not, as some writers have inferred, in possession of a large part of that portion of Stoneham. A similar mistake has been made with regard to the Vinton family, neighbors of the Holdens, — ascribing to them landed possessions very much in excess of what they actually possessed. There was considerable trading of the wood lots, and this in some cases brought about an imposing array of deeds. Samuel Holden's original farm, at the extreme western corner, reached to the present Marble Street.

When the range lines were laid out they were set at 80 rods' distance. Holden's original purchase was one lot in this range, embracing 45 acres. Its east and west lines must have been 80 poles in extent.

<sup>1</sup>The quarries in Stoneham, mentioned in the Holden and other deeds, were very early the sources whence limestone was obtained for smelting the iron ores at Hammersmith (Saugus), which were not, as many have supposed, dependent upon shells or limestone brought from a great distance.

<sup>2</sup>Died October, 1906.

This meant that his north and south lines were about 1,500 feet. This would bring the eastern line of Holden's lot about where the present eastern line of the Dike farm now (1905) runs; that is, a little west of the old road which passes through the Dike farm to the east of Dike's brook and enters Marble Street about opposite the Sweetser house, about 300 feet east of the Park entrance opposite Park Street.

Marble Street follows very closely the line of the ancient road, but some changes have been made, as is nearly always the case with old roads in present use. The range lines run a course a little east and west of southeast and northwest, whereas Marble Street runs a general course to the northeast.

Immediately to the north of Holden's was the farm of Eleazer Bateman, who later (1691) bought the southern half of Holden's lot. Bateman thus became the abuttor on the Holden farm, both to the north and south. This with the fact that some of the other adjoining lots are somewhat loosely described in the few deeds which we have, makes it difficult to point out the exact extent of the Holden farm as it existed during the three or four generations in which it remained in the family name. The greater part of it today is still in the hands of the Dike family, who are descendants of Samuel Holden; but it did not come to them intact. It had been divided and sold and bought at different times in different sized parcels, until it gradually came back, with additions, into the hands of Jesse Dike and his son Lyman. The latter before his death remarked, as he passed the crotch of the road on Marble Street, pointing to a little shop that then stood there, "There is where I have made many a pair of shoes." It was a single-room shop. Such buildings are very common in the Essex and Middlesex towns, where the farmers before the advent of the big shoeshops carried on the business of sewing and making the boot, — the uppers having been supplied to them by the manufacturer. It is, of course, not known when that little shop was built, or by whom, but as Lyman Dike was born in 1821, it would not be extraordinary if that shop was the actual building mentioned in the deeds of John Holden, or of John and Daniel Holden, about 1784; and perhaps the shop which they used in their business as tailors. It would seem that John Holden, the tailor, lived north of Marble Street, and not on the original Holden farm. His land extended into Woburn bounds. The greater part of it was purchased of Joseph Knight, although his house was near to land which he had of John Bucknam, and near to land which he had inherited from his father, Samuel. His land was, however, all in one piece.

The present road leading to East Woburn and Montvale encloses between itself, Marble Street and the Woburn boundary, a triangle, but which certainly would not, within Stoneham limits, amount to



45 acres. Within ten years a strip of territory has been added to Stoneham from Woburn, and new bound-stones have been placed, but the old bound-stone may still be seen on the southern side of the road to East Woburn. To the west and south of this bound-stone is an old orchard. A deep ravine runs through here, and at some time a dam was in existence,—the end of which may be seen north of Marble Street, which at this point has been considerably straightened and leveled. In this neighborhood Mr. Bucknam thinks the Hadleys engaged in tanning. Immediately to the southwest of this old dam and across the street is the present Dike farmhouse, formerly the house of William Holden. It is the last house on the road toward Woburn; in fact, sighting from the boundary stone in the general direction the line is supposed to run, the house would certainly seem to be within old Woburn and present Winchester limits. It is, however, within the bounds of Stoneham.

Mrs. Symes, who was born a Sweetser, a lady probably of 70 years in 1905, related that as a girl she was always running about these fields and farms, hunting for abandoned cellar holes, geological specimens, old wells, etc. She said that the Dike farmhouse retains at one end a part of the William Holden house, and that this house had a gambrel roof, and was not unlike the so-called Hadley house on Main Street. It had no leanto. Within recent years it has been raised and an additional story put beneath it. It has also been cut in halves and the roof changed in part, so that it is possible only from the end to see how the original house may have looked. It does not seem possible that Captain John Holden could have occupied this house, as we know from his land transactions how his house was situated with regard to his purchase from the Knights. In the triangle above mentioned, between the East Woburn road and Marble Street, there is an old cellar hole, and formerly, within the remembrance of Mrs. Symes, there was a well. This may have marked the site of John Holden's home. Between this spot and Park Street, on the east, there were other cellar holes, and according to the recollection of Mrs. Symes, two of these were occupied by Hadley houses; and this agrees with the testimony of the deeds. Assuming that the range lines ran parallel to the present base line of Stoneham, the northern boundary of Samuel Holden's farm would have begun on Marble Street at the Woburn line, or a little south of Marble Street, and at each foot gradually drew away from the highway. By the time the westernmost or oldest quarry is reached, there might be some doubt as to whether the line was north or south of the quarry hole. It is very doubtful if the two or three other quarries to the east of this one were on Samuel Holden's land, although they are at the present time on the Dike property.

There is a piece of meadow called Spring meadow in the southern



portion of the Dike farm,—possibly the reservation boundary line passes through it. It is at the northern base of the hill north of the Winchester reservoir, east of what is called Money Hill. Directly east of this meadow, east of Dike's brook, is the northern limit of Bear Hill, which in Samuel Holden's deed from Allen, was called "The Rocks." This piece of land along Dike's brook — the Woburn line formed its western boundary — is today under a high state of cultivation. Although not an extensive tract of land it is certainly amply sufficient to support a family. The southern limit of the Holden farm, however, was considerably farther south than Spring meadow. The old stone walls running in an easterly direction probably indicate the range lines, but unfortunately the improvements made in this part of the Fells by the forming of the north reservoir have obliterated many of the landmarks.

Mrs. Symes says that there were formerly evidences of habitations and of cultivated fields in this portion of the reservation, although the lines of the old road running south did not closely follow the line of the present road. There is an old road, partly used as a farm road on the Dike farm, running east and west from Marble Street in Winchester to Main Street in Stoneham. This road is practically, if not actually, the road which gave access to Samuel Holden's farm. It may never have been anything more than a farm road, but from Main Street over to Spring meadow there are the remains of the two or three cellar holes mentioned by Stevens and Bucknam. These cellar holes are the sites of the residences of some of the neighbors of the Holdens, including the Howes, and probably the residence of Joseph Holden, son of Samuel, who had land to the east of his father's homestead, the northern part of which he purchased of his father.

Stoneham was incorporated as a town 17 Dec., 1725. The following year Samuel Holden, Sr., was taxed 6 sh. on real estate, 3 pence on personal estate and £1-7-0 on the country rate.<sup>1</sup>

Samuel Holden disposed of his estate during his lifetime. In his old age he lived with his son Joseph, to whom he had conveyed his homestead. Two deeds are of interest:

Samuel Holdin of Charlestown for love and affection to son in law Thomas Johnson of Charlestown, mariner, — 1 acre with fruit trees thereon, at Charlestown End, at corner of the farm in possession of Joseph Holden, adjoining Dade's lot so called. 13 July 1722. No wife appears.<sup>2</sup>

Another deed recites that Samuel Holding, Sr., of Charlestown, husbandman, for £150, paid me by my son Joseph Holding of Charlestown, husbandman, grants a tract of land with one house and barn, orchard, meadow, plowland, woodland, fencing, mines and minerals,

<sup>1</sup> Stoneham town records. <sup>2</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 23:227.

in Charlestown, in all 21 acres, bounded north on Stephen Parker; the northwest corner a heap of stones on Woburn line, easterly upon land I have given my daughter Mary Johnson, then by land of Mr. Peter Hayes, then upon land of Samuel Holding, Jr., and so to land of Peter Hayes, Jr., then upon land of John Richardson, Jr., to a stake which is the southwest corner, westerly on Woburn line. 18 June, 1725. Wife Anna releases dower.<sup>1</sup>

18 ENSIGN JOHN (*Richard*), born in 1656 or 1657, aged 22 in 1679; died in Woburn, where his death was entered, "Ensign John Holden died 18 Oct., 1756." He was thrice married: "ABIGAIL wife of John Holden died 22 May, 1685."<sup>2</sup> Nothing further is known of this wife, who did not leave issue. He married, second, 19 June, 1690, at Woburn,<sup>2</sup> SARAH PIERCE, who died 17 Nov., 1717.<sup>2</sup>

Nathaniel Pierce, "an orphan," aged 15 years (son of Nathaniel Pierce, born 4 Dec., 1655, and Hannah Converse, died 23 March, 1679), born 2 Feb., 1678-9, petitioned that his uncle John Holden of Woburn be appointed his guardian. His father, the elder Nathaniel, had married in 1680 Elizabeth, widow of both Thomas Whittemore and Hopestill Foster, and daughter of Thomas Pierce of Woburn. The younger Nathaniel Pierce was left £10 by the will of his grandfather, Allen Converse. Although so much of the record would point to Sarah Pierce, wife of John Holden, as a sister of the elder Nathaniel and daughter of "old Robert" Pierce, who died 10 Sept., 1706, it does not appear that he had either a daughter Sarah or Abigail,<sup>3</sup> nor does it appear that Allen Converse had a daughter who could have married with John Holden.

John Holden married, third, 1718, ABIGAIL MORSE, born 15 Dec., 1679, at Groton, died 22 April, 1756, at Woburn,<sup>2</sup> daughter of Jonathan and Abigail (Shattuck) Morse, and widow of James Morse.

John Holden of Woburn, yeoman, and Abigail his wife, John Parkhurst of Weston, and Abigail his wife, John Morse of Needham and Nathaniel Morse of Weston, and Joseph, Abigail and Zachariah Morse, children of Joseph Morse late of Watertown, sell to Joshua Warrin of Watertown a messuage there, being the mansion house, etc., of James Morse of Watertown, deceased. 13 March, 1718-9.<sup>4</sup>

Children, born at Woburn,<sup>2</sup> all but Sarah described as "of John and Sarah Holden":

- 1 SARAH, born 25 Feb., 1690-1; married NATHANIEL LAWRENCE of Medford, died 6 Jan., 1736-7, at Woburn, son of Nathaniel Lawrence. Her husband's brother Jonathan had administration on his estate at request of Elisha and Sarah Tottenham, John Holden, Sarah, widow of Nathaniel Lawrence, who was a son by a former wife, and Jonathan Lawrence. Her petition in the probate files is

<sup>1</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 33:461.

<sup>2</sup>Town records.

<sup>3</sup>Abigail Pierce, daughter of Thomas, married 18 Feb., 1684-5, George Reed. See Elizabeth Holden, 1-K.

<sup>4</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 22:385.

printed in Bond's *Watertown*, and in 1738 John Holden charged his son Thomas to pay £40 to Sarah.<sup>1</sup> She died without issue.

- 2 ABIGAIL, born 26 March, 1693; married (intention, 1713, at Reading) JAMES TAYLOR of Reading.

Children, born at Stoneham:<sup>2</sup>

1. John Taylor, born 15 Dec., 1713.
2. Abigail Taylor, baptized 10 July, 1715.
3. John Taylor, baptized 12 July, 1716.
4. Ebenezer Taylor, baptized 10 March, 1723.
5. Sarah Taylor, baptized 22 May, 1726.
6. Elizabeth Taylor, baptized 23 June, 1728.

- 3 MARTHA, born 28 May, 1695; died 27 Sept., 1697.

- 4-4 JOHN, born 6 Feb., 1697-8; died 1756; married MARY DAMON.

- 5-5 THOMAS, born 3 June, 1700; died July, 1738; married REBECCA WYMAN.

- 6-6 JONATHAN, born 19 Jan., 1702-3; died 1778; married JOANNA WYMAN.

- 7 MARTHA, born 1 Feb., 1705-6; died 4 Sept., 1706.

- 8 ELIZABETH, born 17 May, 1708.

John Holden was about nineteen years of age at the time of the exodus from Groton. Three years later, 25 July, 1679,<sup>3</sup> his brothers and sisters, having received a quitclaim from their parents of their interest in the forty acres bequeathed them by their grandfather Stephen Fosdick, joined in conveying to him the entire tract of forty acres, bounded southeast with lands of Faintnot Wines, and elsewhere by the commons.<sup>3</sup> This land was near the Graves farm on which his sister, wife of Thomas Williams, lived, and also close to the Charlestown line and to the farm soon after purchased by his brother Samuel. Here he made his home, adding to his possessions from time to time, and followed the trade of a carpenter or housewright.

There is no mention on the Woburn records of John Holden until December, 1683, when both he and his father are rated in the town rate, he for one person and estate at two shillings and his father for one shilling, eight pence. He was admitted a freeman 9 July, 1684. He was chosen, 4-11 mo., 1685, one of two tythingmen for the following year. On the 23 Feb., 1685-6, the town granted him "an acre nere his house, paying a shilling in money to the towne."<sup>4</sup> In the country rate of August, 1690, Samuel Holden was rated for his estate, John for his person and estate, and Justinian for his person and estate, 1 sh. 4 d., 2 sh. 6 d., 2 sh. 8 d., respectively. In 1693 John Holden paid one third of his town rate by work on the meeting house, and 4 Feb., 1694-5, was elected one of twelve tythingmen. In August, 1698, upon the occasion of the "tax for his Majestys service,"

<sup>1</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 39:342, and probate papers. Cf. with Bond's *Watertown*, 822, and Wyman's *Charlestown*, 607.

<sup>2</sup>Reading and Stoneham Vital Records. <sup>3</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 7:154. <sup>4</sup>Town records, 3:91.

he appears as "Sargent," a title given him also the preceding year, and 1 March, 1699-1700, he was chosen constable. The title of ensign succeeds that of sergeant in 1706 in the town records. These military titles arose from his rank in the town train-band. His commission as ensign in the foot company commanded by Captain Josiah Converse, dated 21 Nov., 1706, is mentioned in Cutter's list of Woburn soldiers as being extant. He probably was first chosen sergeant by the train-band in 1697. In 1676 there was a "Sergeant Holden of Woburn," who was probably Justinian, brother of John. In a letter dated 3 Feb., 1675-6, James Stoakes, writing from Rhode Island where he was with the army, and where he soon died, says, "pray Looke after my armes, seargent Holden of Woburne hath got them."<sup>1</sup>

John Holden practically disposed of his entire estate in lands to his sons<sup>2</sup> before his seventieth year. Jonathan was given the middle section of the farm, John the dwelling house and adjacent lands, and Thomas the eastern end. In 1726 he bought another farm bounding on Stoneham. At the time of his death, which did not come until he had nearly reached the century mark, he had but a small estate, upon which his son Jonathan had administration 15 Nov., 1756. The inventory rendered 8 Dec. disclosed only personal effects to the value of £22-7-2. The estate of his son John was settled the preceding April.

Descendants in the male line from Ensign John Holden, after the Revolution were found only in the person of his grandson Captain Nathaniel and the latter's son Captain John Holden.

19 STEPHEN (*Richard*), born in 1658 or 1659; died 1715, at Groton, Mass.; married, probably in 1685, HANNAH LAWRENCE, born 3 July, 1664, died probably in 1735, daughter of Deacon Nathaniel and Sarah (Morse) Lawrence<sup>3</sup> of Groton and later of Charlestown (Stoneham).

Children,<sup>4</sup> probably all born at Groton:

- 1 STEPHEN, died 28 July, 1688, at Groton.<sup>5</sup>
- 2-2 JOHN ("eldest son"); died 27 Dec., 1753; married SARAH DAVIS.
- 3-3 STEPHEN ("second son"); died 1757; married HANNAH SAWTELL.
- 4-4 NATHANIEL ("third son"), born in 1691 or 1692; died 15 May, 1740; married ABIGAIL STONE.
- 5 RACHEL ("first daughter"); married 20 Dec., 1716, WILLIAM LUN (LUND) of Dunstable.<sup>6</sup> They joined 3 July, 1735, with John, Stephen and William Holden, all of Groton, yeomen, Simon Holden of Cambridge, blacksmith, William Green of Groton and

<sup>1</sup>See *Genealogical Bulletin*, p. 157.

<sup>2</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 39:364; 39:342; 43:318, 596; 53:451.

<sup>3</sup>Named in her father's will. Much care must be exercised in consulting the various printed accounts of the family of Deacon Lawrence and his son and grandson of the same name. See note, p. 65.

<sup>4</sup>Given in the order shown in probate records, where the sons are described as eldest, etc., and the daughters as first, etc.

<sup>5</sup>Groton return to County Court.

<sup>6</sup>Groton church records.



Hannah his wife, John Kemp of Groton and Sarah his wife, in selling to "brother Nathaniel Holden" of Groton that part of their father's homestead set off as their mother's dower.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

1. William Lund, born 18 July, 1717; died 20 March, 1782, at Dunstable; married SARAH.
2. Rachel Lund, born 28 Aug., 1719; died 2 July, 1762, at Dunstable; married 2 Nov., 1739, at Hampton Falls, N. H., JOHN LOVEWELL.
3. Charity Lund, born 16 Feb., 1730-1; died 1793; married LUCY. Lived at Merrimack.
4. Mary Lund, born 28 Nov., 1733; married JAMES UNDERWOOD.
5. Lucy Lund, born 26 May, 1736; died young.
- 6-6 WILLIAM; died probably in 1746; married ELIZABETH DARBY (DABY).
- 7-7 SIMON ("fifth son"); died 1786; married ABIGAIL GROVER.
- 8-8 JONATHAN ("sixth son"), born 1703; died 13 Sept., 1758; married DEBORAH HOUGHTON.
- 9-9 BENJAMIN, under 14 in 1715; died prior to 1746; married HANNAH OCKINGTON. *23 Feb (Pepperell V.R. Book A p. 25)*
- 10 HANNAH, born 1707; died 3 Sept., 1797, aged 90 years (*g.s.* at Groton); married 9 March, 1726-7,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM GREEN of Groton, born 1699, *5 Mar.*, died 7 May, 1778, in 80th year (*g.s.* at Groton).  
Children, born at Groton:<sup>3</sup>
  1. William Green, born 25 Dec., 1727. *d 29 Nov. 1809, Baby*
  2. Simon Green, born 15 Sept., 1729; died 16 Sept., 1813, at Townsend, Mass.; married 12 Sept., 1753, MARY SHATTUCK.<sup>1</sup> Wounded at Bunker Hill.
  3. Jonas Green, born 15 March, 1731; married 29 June, 1758, JEMIMA HOLDEN (196-4.).
  4. Hannah Green, born 4 Dec., 1732; married 4 March, 1752, at Groton, JEREMIAH HOBART, probably that Jeremiah born 5 Feb., 1722, died 27 Dec., 1802 (printed by Butler, 1820), aged 80 years, at Groton, son of Gershom and Lydia (Nutting) Hobart, and grandson of the Reverend Gershom Hobart.
  5. Elizabeth Green, born 17 June, 1735; died 31 Aug., 1741 (*g.s.* at Groton).
- 11 ELIZABETH, baptized 2 March, 1706-7; died young.
- 12 SARAH ("third daughter"); married 4 Nov., 1731,<sup>2</sup> at Groton, JOHN KEMP.  
Children,<sup>3</sup> born at Groton:
  1. John Kemp, born 4 June, 1732.
  2. Lawrence Kemp, born 24 Sept., 1733.
  3. Oliver Kemp, born 11 July, 1735.
  4. Jabez Kemp, born 19 March, 1736-7.
  5. Stephen Kemp, born 19 Sept., 1739.
  6. Lucy Kemp, born 24 April, 1742.
  7. Amasa Kemp, born 21 May, 1744.
  8. Sarah Kemp, born 29 May, 1746.

<sup>1</sup>Stearns: *Dunstable Families*, quoted by R. W. Holden.

<sup>2</sup>Groton church records.

<sup>3</sup>Butler: *History of Groton*

Stephen Holden joined with his brothers and sisters in the deed of 25 July, 1679, and may at that time have been of age, yet John, who was his senior, was but 22 years old in 1679.

Stephen Holden, with whom his father spent the last years of his life, was the only one of the sons to settle permanently in Groton. He was the youngest son, and to him fell the duty of caring for his father during his old age. Prior to his return to Groton, after its destruction, Richard Holden deeded to Stephen "eighteen acres upland and swamp, some of it on the southern side of the brook by said Richard Holden's formerly dwelling house and the way to Nonicoicus."<sup>1</sup> This deed was dated 9 June, 1682, and was in consideration of the fact that Stephen had been paying all assessments on the town rights owned by his father and agreed to continue such payments two years longer.

After the resettlement his name first appears in Groton records in the rate for the minister in 1681, when he was assessed 11 sh. 2 d. In 1689 he was chosen one of the surveyors of highways, and in December, 1690, an overseer of swine; December, 1692, constable, and again the following year. He was one of the six voters who dissented from the town's vote, May, 1693, not to send a deputy to the General Court. The following year he was again surveyor of highways, and 3 March, 1696, was chosen selectman. After his return from captivity he was chosen, in 1700, fence-viewer.

On the 23 March, 1691, Richard Holden and his son Stephen entered into an agreement, whereby in consideration of the latter supplying his father with all necessary things he was to enter into possession of the homestead, all lands and other estate of his father, including the dividends to accrue upon the proprietors rights held by Richard.<sup>2</sup>

Groton did not experience any direct attack from the Indians after 1676 until 1694, although the years 1689 and 1690 were filled with apprehension. Groton was at this time headquarters for the scouts and troops defending this sector of the frontier. In 1691 and 1692 there were eight garrison houses in town, appointed for the protection of the families in each locality. Lieutenant Jonas Prescott's house at the southerly end of the village was that to which Stephen Holden and his family were assigned.<sup>3</sup> In July, 1694, the Indians fell upon the town, killed at least sixteen persons and captured half as many more. For some years after this the inhabitants were living in great dread, and so subtle were the Indians that more than one inhabitant was cut off. In 1697, in May and June, the Indians killed three men at Groton and captured Stephen Holden and his two eldest boys, John and Stephen. Doctor Green has not been able to find any other date than June for this last raid, nor have

<sup>1</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 8:346. <sup>2</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 12:31. <sup>3</sup>*Groton in the Indian Wars*, Green, p. 60.

the details of Holden's capture come down to us. But his petition for repayment to him of the money exacted for his ransom is found in Massachusetts Archives (70:400), and is as follows:

To the Honored & great Assembly now sitting in Boston.

The humble petition and Request of Stephen Holden of Groton

Honored Srs It having pleased the Almighty God to order it that my selfe & my two biggest sons tho small were taken captives by the Indian enemyes from our towne of Groton and being with the Esterne enemy & my 2 sons about one year & ten moneth where tho' it was my fortune to escape with my life thro gods mercy beyound what I did expect or look for & I think fared better then some other English yett great hardship and difficultyes I underwent, butt being very desirous with one of my sons that was there to gitt home If it might before the English vessells came I was necessitated to give my promise to my Indian Pilates whom I satisfyed att Richman's Island by English that I borrowed of there thre pound & twelve shillings If I might have y<sup>e</sup> boldness I would humbly crave that It might be payd out of Publiq stock I should take it thankfully att your hands. Thoe with my thankfullnesse to God that both myselfe & both my children he hath graciously returned to our home againe commend your honours and concernments into ye hands & wishing ye Presence & benidiction of ye Sovereaine God I take Leave & subscribe myselfe your humble servant & suppliant.

STEPHEN HOLDEN.

GROTON May 27th, 1699.

June 6, 1699. Voted the Pet. be paid out of the public treasury £3-12.

19 July 1699. Approved by Council and consented to by Gov. Bellomont.

The son, John Holden, was released in January, his name appearing on a list of captives received on board the *Province Galley*, 17 Jan., 1698-9, at Casco Bay. Another record of a week later states that Stephen Holden and Stephen Holden, Jr., both of Groton, are still in the hands of the Indians.<sup>1</sup>

In Nov., 1711, there were eighteen "garrisons" at Groton, one of which was "Mr. Holden's," where were one family, three men inhabitants, two soldiers, in all "twelve souls." The total number of families in town was 58, of men inhabitants 93, of soldiers stationed there, 17, a grand total of 378.<sup>2</sup>

In 1713 Samuel Page of South Carolina and Nathaniel Lawrence

Archives, 70:398, 399.

<sup>2</sup>Archives, 71:874.

of Charlestown sold Stephen Holden several parcels of land and a five-acre right in Groton.

Stephen Holden died in 1715, leaving his widow with several minor children to care for. She had administration on his estate 17 July, 1715, and an inventory disclosed personal property valued at £138, and in addition to the home place 314 acres of land, all valued at £280. At her instance commissioners were appointed 22 Feb., 1715-6, to divide the estate, who set off to her her third part, including the east end of the house. She had gift of lands<sup>1</sup> from her father during his life, and participated in his estate at his death in 1724. She died before 1738, perhaps as early as 1735. On 3 July, 1735, John Holden, Stephen Holden, William Holden, and Jonathan Holden all of Groton, yeomen, Simon Holden of Cambridge, blacksmith, William Lund of Dunstable, yeoman, and wife Rachel, William Green of Groton and wife Hannah, John Kemp of Groton and wife Sarah, in consideration of £216 sell to their brother Nathaniel Holden all their right in the homestead of their father, Stephen Holden, deceased.<sup>1</sup>

The widow Hannah conveyed to her son Jonathan all that land granted to her by her father Nathaniel Lawrence late of Charlestown, deceased, being his part of the original right in the undivided lands in Groton, pursuant to the vote of the Proprietors, 1726. Though dated 16 Sept., 1728, it was not recorded until 17 Nov., 1736.<sup>2</sup> She also, on the same day, for love and affection, conveyed to her son Simon of Cambridge, blacksmith, one full moiety of land in Groton, and a parcel of intervale on west side Nashua river, the whole parcel, 12 acres, bounded north with lands formerly John Page, south with Justinian Holdin, deceased, east by river, and west by common. Also, a 5-acre right in all undivided lands in Groton, etc., and this he was to have "over and above his proportion of the estate I shall leave my children at my death."<sup>3</sup>

The settlement of the estate of Stephen Holden involved a distribution to his ten children, 22 Feb., 1715-6, the eldest son receiving his double portion. To the widow as her dower there was set off the east end of house with the chimney thereto belonging, and 10 poles of land adjoining to the north side of said east end, also one-third the barn, being the south end and west side, etc., valued at £25-6-8. Also part of the homestead lying on the south side the highway and dwelling house aforesaid, next Slate field so called, 20 acres, being upland, swamp and meadow, bounded: beginning at the highway the line ran southerly by stakes to the land of John Green, thence running partly easterly to land which was formerly John Hutchinges', and, then ran westerly by said Hutchinges' to the highway leading to Coyus (Nonoicoicus), thence partly northerly to a walnut tree,

<sup>1</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 37:288.   <sup>2</sup>Ibid., 37:659.   <sup>3</sup>Ibid., 28:104.



thence northerly by marked trees to a black oak "and on all other parts it bounds to the highways with the fencing." Also 3 acres at Indian Hill, valued at £8-10;  $\frac{1}{3}$  of 16 acres, £3-6-8; 2 acres,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of town right, £1-2-6.

The remaining two-thirds of the land was divided into four parts: To John, eldest son, several parcels of land, 60 acres, on west side Lancaster river at Mulpus, bounded as in a deed from Deacon Nathaniel Lawrence and Samuel Page to the deceased, £11; also 6 acres on west side of Lancaster river at Rye Fordway, as described in a deed from Samuel Page, £4; 2 acres meadow, £5: "and we find that said John holds by deed of gift from his father 2 parcels of land valued at £34, and 4 acres town right at £2;" total £56.

To Stephen, second son, 108 acres to be taken up in town commons on west side of Lancaster river, of ancient grant, £11; also  $\frac{2}{3}$  of 16 acres, £6-13; 2 acres meadow on Squannicook river, £4; a 4-acre right in town common, £2, as in a deed from Samuel Page; total, £28-1.

To Nathaniel, third son, the homestead on both sides of the highway, comprising thirty acres, more or less, with the house, barn, etc., except the widow's portion, valued at £79-13-4; also 1-acre meadow, all that remains at Indian Hill after the set-off to the widow; 6 acres at Indian Hill; 2 acres meadow in Long meadow; and a 4-acre town right; total £95-3.

To William, fourth son, 4 acres in General Field, between Stephen Holden's house and Pierce; also 12 acres near the General Field; 15 acres in the General Field; 4 acres in Plumtree (*Qy.* Pleyntree) swamp; 20 acres at Sandy Pond; 2 acres in Rock meadow; and a  $3\frac{3}{4}$ -acre town right; total, £35-17.

Equalized by payments: Nathaniel to pay to Hannah, the second daughter, Simon, the fifth son, Rachel, the first daughter, Sarah, the third daughter, Jonathan, the sixth son.

John to pay Benjamin, the seventh son, under 14 years, and to Hannah, and others.

This settlement was accepted 14 Oct., 1717, by Hannah Holding, Nathaniel Holding, William Holding, and also by John Holding, who having sold the land given him by his father to his brother Stephen for £20, the judge ordered that the difference be made good to him.

Further details appear in the Commissioners' return and distribution, 2 Jan., 1737, when the widow's dower was actually set off. Ten children are named in *order of birth*, sons, then daughters —

John, Stephen, Nathaniel, William, Simon, Jonathan, Benjamin; Rachel, Hannah, Sarah.

From this it is seen that of the estate there were 20 acres west of the Slate field, and south of the highway. The whole farm north and south of the highway was about forty acres. As may be seen from the division of the estate of Nathaniel, Slate field comprised  $14\frac{3}{4}$  acres.

There is no description of the lands which Richard Holden held, other than the inventory of November, 1683, found in the Proprietors' records, where it is stated that Richard Holden held an "eighteen acre proportion."

#### LANDS OF RICHARD HOLDEN<sup>1</sup>

This being an 18-acre proportion.

1. Upland: first his houselot 15 acres more or less bounded north with land of Ralph Reed, east by highway, south by land of Benjamin Crisp, and west by his own land.

2. 13 acres bounded north by land of Ralph Reed, west by land of William Longley and common, south by land of Jonathan Sawtell, east by land of Benjamin Crisp and his own land, a way being purchased through by the Town.

3. Indian Hill: 6 acres bounded north by the end of the other lots, east by land of Sergeant Knop, south by highway, west by land of Benjamin Crisp.

4. Near the General Field: 33 acres, bounded north by land of William Elluee and Samuel Davis, west by highway near the General Field, south by land of John Morse, easterly by land of John Morse and Jonathan Sawtell.

5. In General Field: 15 acres, bounded north by the highway leading to the river, east by land of Richard Blood, south by his own swamp and meadow, west by common land.

6. Near Sandy Pond Brook: 24 acres, bounded north by land of Ellis Barron, and on all other points by the common lands.

7. Twenty acres, bounded east by land of Peleg Lawrence, on all other points by common lands and county road.

#### MEADOWS

1. Broad Meadow<sup>2</sup>: 5 acres, bounded north by meadow of Samuel Woods, east by upland, south by Richard Sawtell, west by John Day and John Morss.

2. At Indian Hill: 4 acres, bounded east on Samuel Woods, west on Richard Sawtell, and on all other points by town common.

<sup>1</sup> Proprietors' Records, a true but not a literal copy though essentially complete.

<sup>2</sup> Broad Meadow is the land between the two main roads running north and south, and between the railroad station and Groton school, west of the village. This territory was built upon, as meadow meant mowing land rather than what is now called meadow. General Field was north of the present Ayer line near the river.

3. South Meadow:  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres, bounded north by John Page, west by Ellis Barron, south by Jonas Prescott and Matthew Farnsworth, and on all other points by town upland.

4. At Long Meadow: 2 acres, bounded south by Ralph Reed, west with Ellis Barron, elsewhere by the town upland.

5. At James Brook Meadow and Swamp: 4 acres, bounded east by John Morse, west by Samuel Davis, elsewhere by town commons.

6. Between Massabog and Little Pond:  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres, bounded with the Little Pond and meadow.

Intervale on west side<sup>1</sup>: 11 acres, bounded north by land of Timothy Cooper, east by the river, south by land of William Longley, and west by town upland.

Confirmed 14 Nov., 1683.

"Stephen Holden paying for a four-acre proportion have paid three shillings, four pence to the Indian purchase, as being his full and just sum. 7 March, 1688."

The above described lands passed by deed to Stephen Holden, to whom was laid out various "dividends" from the common lands from time to time.

Nathaniel Holden, the third son of Stephen, came into possession of the homestead of his father. By the distribution of the estate he came immediately to possess "the homestead on both sides the highway" except so much as was set off to the widow, his mother, as her dower. In 1735 he bought of his brothers and sisters their rights in the widow's share, and at her death thus became owner of the dwelling in which his father died, with the lands immediately surrounding it, extending from the Nonoicoicus or Ayer road westerly, to the Lancaster road, the extension of Farmers' Row, along what was for many years known as the Lunenburg road. This ancient road is easily traced. Leading from the Ayer road between the farms and dwellings of Tuttle and McGregor, stone-walled on both sides, it soon approaches the railroad, the construction of which closed the old road. At this point it turns slightly to the south and winds along the edge of a slope, to a natural crossing of the brook which in olden time flowed out of the lowlands to the north — the so-called Pine meadow — and which is today the outlet of the artificial pond called the School Pond. Bearing southwesterly, the old road, now traced by the wall on the southern side and evidences of the northern boundary, may be followed until it comes out on the Lancaster road just north of the old district schoolhouse. The western end is a little to the south of the eastern end, but in olden times this was not the end of the road. It continued in a straight line west to the Shirley road. Today the western end of the extension is a way into

<sup>1</sup> "On west side" is west side of the Nashua River.

an orchard, and debouches into the Shirley road right at the angle where it turns from a southwesterly to a slightly northwesterly course.

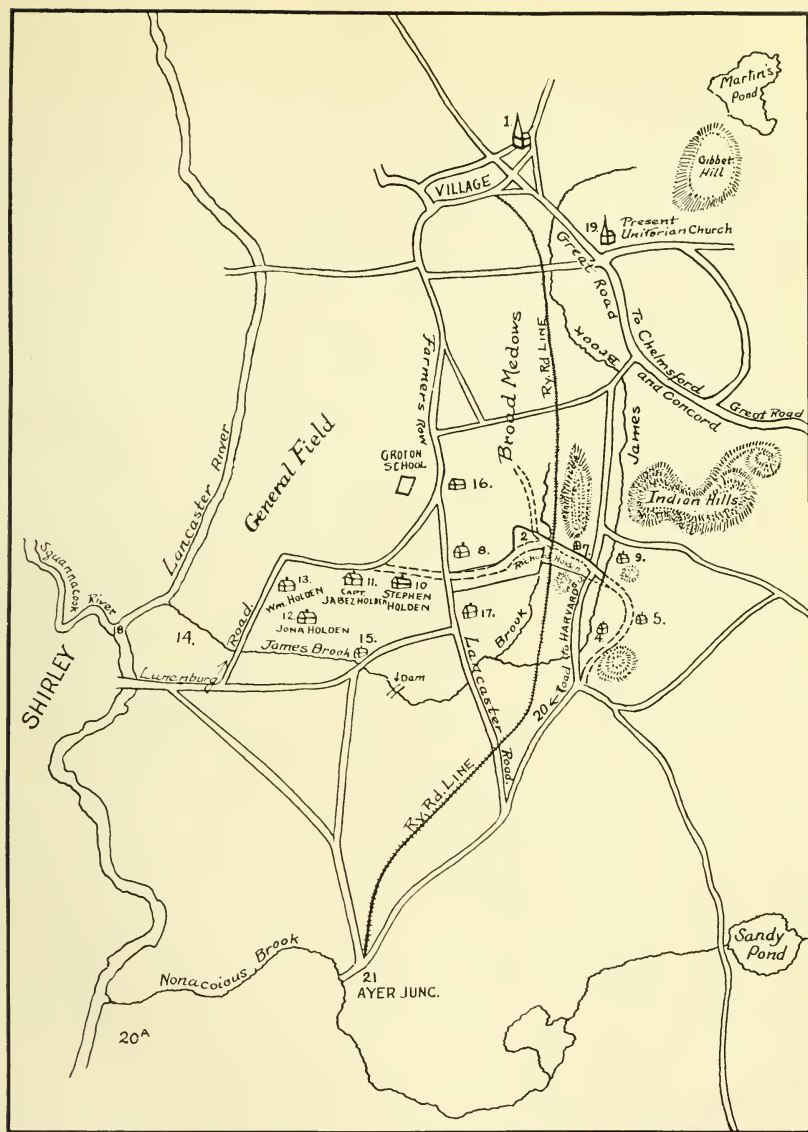
When Stephen Holden, the elder, built his dwelling, to which came to live his father Richard, the main travelled road to Nonoicoicus left the present Ayer road just south of McGregor's and passed along the easterly side of the brook known as James Brook, through land of Simon Stone, making a sweep to a point south of the brook and south of Matthew Farnsworth. Near the point where it formerly entered this detour Benjamin Crisp had a mill site and mill, and to reach this mill from the northwestern part of the village there was laid out a road from Lancaster Road, starting near John Page's house and running almost southerly along the edge of the low land until it intersected the trail which later became the Lunenburg road. It was at this intersection that Stephen Holden's house stood. This is the most reasonable construction to be given the somewhat involved, and to us of the present day somewhat blind, description of the layout of roads prior to and immediately following the resettlement of the town.

It is probable that the first settlement of Richard Holden was at this point, though it may have been farther south, and nearer the river, near his son Justinian, but the fact that his original house lot of 15 acres was laid out extending west from Nonoicoicus road would point to site of the original house being close by that on which Stephen built his first house—the house probably described as “old” in 1715. It therefore follows, if this “old” house stood, as may be surmised, west of the house he later erected, that the original Richard Holden house stood near the brook where the new house was built.

This latter house passed at Nathaniel Holden's death to his sons Jabez and Isaac, and ultimately to the last named. So far as can be determined it stood over or near the present “Fifth Hole” of the Groton School golf course. The land rises there from the little valley through which the brook flows, and back of the house was probably a grove as beautiful as the one which now exists, and from the summit of the rise may be seen a wide extent of the Nashua River valley with Mount Wachusett in the distance. This house was the “garrison” of 1711, and Isaac Holden found it large enough to utilize as an inn. It must have been of fair size and good construction.

The name Slate field, given in the days of Stephen Holden, perhaps even by Richard Holden himself, still persists, and in 1843 the sixteen-acre field bounding easterly on Ayer road and northerly on the Lunenburg road, being a part of Richard Holden's original 18-acre houselot, passed from Doldt to Boynton, and was described as the “Slate field.” It is now owned by Malcolm McGregor.





SCALE: 106  $\frac{2}{3}$  RODS TO INCH



# PLAN OF GROTON. EARLY HOLDEN HOMESTEADS

- |   |   |                               |
|---|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 Second Church<br>(near site of first edifice) | 8 William Longley                         | 16 John Page                  |
| 2 Dwelling of Stephen Holden<br>1700            | 9 Ralph Reed                              | 17 Nathan Hubbard             |
| 3 Benjamin Crisp                                | 10 Stephen Holden, Jr.                    | 18 Mouth of Squannacook River |
| 4 Matthew Farnsworth                            | 11 Captain Jabez Holden                   | 19 Present Unitarian Church   |
| 5 Deacon Simon Stone                            | 12 Jonathan Holden                        | 20 Road to Nonacoicus         |
| 6 John Hutchins                                 | 13 William Holden                         | 20a Nonacoicus Farm           |
| 7 Daniel Pierce                                 | 14 Holden land                            | 21 Ayer Junction              |
|   | 15 Abraham Moors<br>(formerly Farnsworth) |                               |



It may be noted as having some bearing on the original grants of lots in this section, that the line of the old Lunenburg road, if extended directly west, was apparently not only the northern limit of the Holden lot north of the homestead, but of the lots to the west.

When and how Isaac Holden parted with his home is not known, but in June, 1771, Ephraim Russell was in possession of all that part of the homestead west of the Slate field, and also of the land immediately to the west and north of the Lunenburg road, which latter tract he had bought of John Learned. Russell continued in possession for many years, and his son Thomas sold the house and eight acres in November, 1789, to Oliver Prescott, who bought for investment, not occupancy. The old house does not appear to have been standing in 1798, probably having been destroyed by fire. Today as one passes along the railroad, all that land formerly the Holden homestead is visible; that to the east under cultivation, and that to the west either used as a pasture or as a golf course.

The other sons of Stephen Holden, the elder, had their lands between Nathaniel's home and the river; and the original farm, after consolidation of the various grants, dividends, and purchases, if it had remained in one ownership, would have extended with some slight interruptions from Indian Hill east of the old Nonoicoicus Road to the river, bearing southwesterly toward the bridge, laying in a general way between Page and Farnsworth (later Moors), and bounded or crossed by the Lunenburg and Shirley roads.

21 SAMUEL (*Justinian*), born 28 April, 1674,<sup>1</sup> at Cambridge; died there in 1726; married SUSANNA SHATTUCK, died probably in 1727 or 1728, daughter of William and Susanna (Randall) Shattuck<sup>2</sup> of Watertown. She was admitted to full communion in Cambridge church 10 May, 1724, and her husband 15 March, 1723-4.<sup>3</sup> Samuel had owned the covenant at Watertown 8 Oct., 1699. Expenses for the burial of both Samuel and Susanna Holden were charged by the administrator of the estate, 1 April, 1728.

Children, born at Cambridge:

- 1 LYDIA, baptized 8 Oct., 1699, at Watertown; probably died *s.p.*: married 8 May, 1721, at Watertown,<sup>1</sup> BENJAMIN CLARKE, born 6 Nov., 1696, at Watertown, died there 17 Jan., 1729-30, son of Uriah and Mary (Pease) Clarke.<sup>1</sup> She married (2) 16 Aug., 1735, at Watertown,<sup>1</sup> AUGUSTUS HALE of Boston.
- 2 SUSANNA, baptized 8 Oct., 1699, at Watertown; married<sup>4</sup> 25 June, 1734, at Watertown,<sup>1</sup> WILLIAM MARCH of Watertown, who with

<sup>1</sup>Town records.

<sup>2</sup>Suffolk files, 20,057.

<sup>3</sup>Cambridge church records.

<sup>4</sup>Henry Goddin testified that in 1727-8, he lived with Mr. William Shattuck, as an hired man, and Susannah Holding came to her grandfather, William Shattuck's house and lived there about four months; during all that season Joseph Bright used to come twice a week acourting, and I thought no other but he designed to make her his wife. *Suffolk files*, 200,057. In August, 1730, she sued Bright for breach of promise. *General Sessions*, 1729-31.

his family were warned from Cambridge, 10 March, 1741-2. He enlisted in the garrison at Castle William. She was admitted to the church at Watertown 5 Dec., 1731.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

1. Lydia March, born 13 March, 1734-5.
2. William March, born 3 Sept., 1736.
3. Dorothy March, baptized 19 Sept., 1736.
4. Susanna March, born 29 Jan., 1741-2.
- 3 SAMUEL, born 29 Sept., 1701; baptized 5 Oct., 1701; died 13 Sept., 1723,<sup>2</sup> unmarried.
- 4 MERCY, born 26 March, 1704; married JOHN STRATTON, born 4 May, 1689, died 27 March, 1735, at Watertown, son of John and Abigail Stratton.<sup>3</sup> She married (2) (intention 1 Nov., 1739<sup>4</sup>) CHRISTOPHER GRANT, son of Joseph and Mary (Grafton) Grant.<sup>3</sup> Children, born at Cambridge<sup>7</sup> and Watertown:<sup>3</sup>
  1. Joshua Stratton, born 14 Nov., 1722; died 2 Feb., 1753; married MERCY COOLIDGE.
  2. Mercy Stratton, born 22 Sept. (baptized 24 Sept., at Cambridge), 1724; died 26 Sept., 1731.
  3. Eunice Stratton, born 27 Dec., 1727; married 11 Sept., 1753, JOSEPH COOLIDGE, killed 19 April, 1775.<sup>7</sup>
  4. Abigail Stratton, born 7 Dec., 1729; married EPHRAIM SEAGER.<sup>5</sup>
  5. John Stratton, born 1 Oct., 1732; married MARY COOLIDGE.
  6. Mercy Stratton, born 23 March, 1734-5; died 24 Aug., 1749.
  7. Mary Grant, born 17 March, 1739-40; married 20 Sept., 1759, JEDEDIAH LEARNED.
  8. Christopher Grant (Col.), born 4 Feb., 1743-4; died 1 April, 1818; married 4 Aug., 1763, SARAH WATSON, who died 20 May, 1821, aged 75.
- 5 MARY, born 1707;<sup>6</sup> married 7 April, 1730, at Watertown,<sup>7</sup> REUBEN FARNSWORTH, born 28 April, 1705, died 1755, at Harvard, Mass., son of Jonathan and Ruth (Shattuck) Farnsworth of Groton.<sup>8</sup> She married (2) THOMAS BARNEY, father of Thomas Barney, Jr., who married his stepsister, a daughter of Reuben Farnsworth Children, born at Harvard:<sup>3</sup>
  1. Mary Farnsworth, born 16 Sept., 1731; married ——— WATSON.
  2. Ruth Farnsworth, born June, 1736; married ——— HARRIS.
  3. Daughter, married DEACON THOMAS BARNEY, JR. Lived in Egremont, Mass. (Perhaps this was a second marriage of Ruth.)
  4. Daughter, married ——— GLIDDEN, of Egremont.
  5. Daughter, married ——— GLIDDEN, of Egremont.
  6. Daughter, married ——— THOMAS.
  7. Daughter, married ——— BELDING.

<sup>1</sup>Bond: *Genealogies and History of Watertown*.

<sup>2</sup>F. A. Holden *Ms.* Gravestone, Arlington Street, Watertown.

<sup>3</sup>Bond's *Watertown*.

<sup>4</sup>Boston records.

<sup>5</sup>R. W. Holden *Ms.* See *A Book of Strattons*, p. 175. Bond's *Watertown* follows the descendants in the Stratton, Coolidge and Jennison lines.

<sup>6</sup>F. A. Holden *Ms.*, who quotes "an ancient manuscript."

<sup>7</sup>Town records.

<sup>8</sup>R. W. Holden *Ms.*, evidently from *Farnsworth Memorial*.



8. Reuben Farnsworth, born 4 June, 1751; died 1813, at Burlington, Vt.; married KEZIAH KELLOGG; (2) ANNA KELLOGG. Lived at Dorset, Vt.
- 6 ABIGAIL, born 30 May, 1710; married 13 Feb., 1733-4, at Watertown, SAMUEL JENNISON, born 26 Sept., 1704, at Watertown, son of Samuel and Mary (Stearns) Jennison.  
Children:<sup>1</sup>
  1. Samuel Jennison, born 6 Nov., 1734; married 11 Nov., 1761, ABIGAIL NEWTON.
  2. Abigail Jennison, born 7 Oct., 1736; died 22 Aug., 1813; married 24 July, 1755, WILLIAM SANGER.
  3. Mary Jennison, born 27 June, 1741; married 25 Dec., 1764, SIMON COOLIDGE. Removed to Jay (Phipp's Canada), Me., about 1783, the first settler there.<sup>2</sup>
  4. Phineas Jennison, born 27 Sept., 1743; died 1825, at Newton; married 28 Aug., 1769, SUSAN NEWTON. Their son Josiah Jennison, baptized 30 Sept., 1781, married 14 March, 1808, Hannah Holden (2311-1).
  5. Lucy Jennison, baptized 20 April, 1746; married 10 Jan., 1766, ABRAHAM HEWES of Weston.
  6. Sarah Jennison, born 8 June, 1748; married 24 Nov., 1773, Cornet DAVID TOWNSEND of Waltham.
  7. William Jennison, baptized 23 Sept., 1750; married 17 May, 1772, PHEBE BALDWIN.
  8. Joshua Jennison, baptized 23 April, 1753; married 23 Dec., 1774, HANNAH WARD of Watertown.
  9. Mercy (Mary) Jennison, baptized 22 April, 1753; married 18 April, 1774, ELIJAH TALMAN.
- 7- 7 WILLIAM, born 4 March, 1712-3, at Cambridge; died 30 March, 1776; married HANNAH BEAL.
- 8 PHINEAS, born 12 May, 1715; died 1791, *s.p.*; married ZERVIAH BUSHNELL, born 1721, died 23 Aug., 1786, aged 65 years (*g. s.* at Norwich, Conn.), where both Mr. and Mrs. Holden are buried in the Episcopal church-yard. She was the daughter of Captain Benajah and Zerviah (Leffingwell) Bushnell. Phineas Holden was living in Watertown in 1748. Phineas Holden was clerk of the parish at Norwich and in 1789 gave a lot near the east end of the main street for erection of a new church. In 1767, his mother-in-law had given a glebe lot to the parish. Justinian Holden was one of the executors of his estate, which was considerable.<sup>1</sup> It is said of him that he issued the first insurance policy granted on live stock.

Samuel Holden lived upon the 66-acre tract, part of the homestead bequeathed him by his father. He added 14 acres by purchase. His situation identified him more with Watertown than Cambridge people, and he attended the Watertown church, where his children were baptized, though late in life both he and wife were admitted to

<sup>1</sup>Caulkins: *History of Norwich*.

<sup>2</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 29:390. 20 Feb., 1729.

full communion with the Cambridge church. He with his brothers Joseph and Isaac are among those contributing to a fund to buy additional ministerial lands, 29 May, 1711, in Watertown.

Administration on his estate was granted 9 Jan., 1726-7, to Benjamin Clarke of Watertown, husband of his eldest child. The inventory disclosed a value of £978, including 81 acres land. Clarke and his brother-in-law, John Stratton, occupied the farm for two years. On 20 Feb., 1729-30, administration de bonis non was granted to Joseph Holden on petition of John Stratton, in behalf of his wife Mercy,<sup>1</sup> Lydia Clarke, Susanna<sup>2</sup> Holden, Mary Holden, and the guardians of Abigail, William, and Phineas Holden. Later these heirs sold the homestead to Henry Prentice for £1000. William Holden's receipt to his brother Joseph, who was his guardian, dated 16 April, 1734, was for £257-18-0. It was witnessed by "Abigail Holden."

22 JOHN (*Justinian*), 18 July, 1675, at Cambridge; died probably about 1767;<sup>3</sup> married 7 Nov., 1699, at Reverend Henry Gibb's house, Watertown;<sup>4</sup> GRACE JENNISON, born 11 Feb., 1678, died 7 Jan., 1757, at Concord<sup>4</sup>, daughter of Ensign Samuel and Judith (Newcomb) Jennison.<sup>5</sup> She was dismissed from the church at East End of Watertown to that at Weston Jan., 1709-10.

Children:<sup>4</sup>

- 1- 1 JOHN, born 5 June, 1700, at Watertown; died probably in 1757; married MARY WHEELER.
- 2- 2 DANIEL, born 3 April, 1702, at Watertown; died 7 Nov., 1782; married ANNE JONES.
- 3- 3 PETER, born 1 Feb., 1704-5, at Watertown; married BEULAH; (2) ABIGAIL JONES.
- 4 GRACE, born 3 July, 1707, at Watertown; died 8 March, 1724-5, at Concord.
- 5 ELIZABETH, born 29 July, 1709, at Watertown; died without surviving issue.
- 6- 6 JOSIAH, born 29 Jan., 1711-12 (probably the "John" baptized 16 Feb., 1711, at Weston, "14 — old"), at Watertown; died 2 Jan., 1800; married HANNAH PARKER.
- 7 JUDAH, born 5 May, 1715 (at Sudbury); baptized 3 July, 1715, at Weston, where it is recorded "born at Colchester."
- 8 EUNICE, born 5 Sept., 1717,<sup>6</sup> at Concord.

<sup>1</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 29:390. 20 Feb., 1729.

<sup>2</sup>This name has been read Anna, hence the insertion of a child of that name in some lists of the children of Samuel Holden.

<sup>3</sup>This date appears probable. Several deeds of his sons, passed long before, were recorded at this time, and the land affected had come from the father. The statement that he died 8 March, 1772, at Cambridge, appears in the R. W. Holden *Ms.*, but Cambridge records are silent. His brother Isaac died on that date. There is no settlement of his estate on Middlesex probate records. Was he not a resident of Glastenbury?

<sup>4</sup>Town records, births, marriages, deaths.

<sup>5</sup>In Dec., 1723, John Holden of Concord, innholder, and wife Grace, daughter and legatee of Samuel Jennison, Sr., of Watertown, sued Samuel Jennison, Jr., executor of his father's estate. The case was determined in October, 1724. The executor was required to divide the personal property between the four daughters of the deceased, viz., Judith, Rachel, Grace and Lydia. (Middlesex Inferior Court Common Pleas, 1722-30, pp. 22, 46, 53.)

<sup>6</sup>Of John and Mary, the mother's name in this instance being error of the clerk.

- 9 MARY, born 20 March, 1718-19, at Concord; married 26 Aug., 1741, at Concord,<sup>1</sup> JOHN HOW of Sudbury. (Mary Holden of Concord and Samuel Train of Weston were published 2 April, 1738, at Weston. He married 31 Dec., 1741, Rachel Allen, who was the mother of all his children. Probably the intention to marry was reconsidered.)
- J-10 JONAS, born 8 July, 1721, at Concord; died (living 1794); married ABIGAIL KENDALL.
- 11 ABIGAIL, born 7 Nov., 1723, at Concord; died 27 Feb., 1723-4.<sup>1</sup>

John Holden sold his land in Watertown and bought land in Weston in 1709, where he lived until 1714 or 1715 when he removed to Sudbury, and the following year purchased a farm in the southerly part of Concord and removed thither. He bought of Benjamin Barron  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres at the junction of two roads, having on it a house, shop and barn, and in 1723 was conducting an inn at that place, in which by 1733 he was joined by his son John, to whom he conveyed half the property, and in 1723 the other half to his son Daniel. He was styled innholder in 1735, but yeoman in 1736. He would appear to have conveyed all his real estate to his sons, although the conveyance of his farm does not appear of record. He was living in Concord in 1757, but after he surrendered the inn to his son's management very little is known of him.

23 ISAAC (*Justinian*), born 28 May, 1677, at Cambridge; died there 8 March, 1772;<sup>2</sup> married 1703,<sup>3</sup> JOANNA SHATTUCK, daughter of William and Susanna (Randall) Shattuck.<sup>4</sup> She lived to be nearly ninety years of age.<sup>5</sup>

Children, probably all born at Cambridge:

- 1- 1 ISAAC, born 12 Nov., 1703; died probably in 1758; married ELIZABETH CUTTING.
- 2- 2 HENRY, born about 1705; died aged about 73; married SARAH FULLER.
- 3 JOANNA, born 1708; died 28 Feb., 1728 (*g.s.*, Arlington Street cemetery, Watertown), unmarried.
- 4- 4 JUSTINIAN, born 1715; died 1756; married RUTH (ROBBINS) SAWYER. He was "aged 39" in 1756.
- 5 TABITHA, born and died 1716; buried in Arlington Street cemetery, Watertown.

The family record left by Abner Holden says of Isaac: "He inherited the westerly part of his honored father's estate. In early life

<sup>1</sup>Town records, births, marriages, deaths.

<sup>2</sup>*Boston News Letter*, issue of 19 March, 1772.

<sup>3</sup>*Sessions*, 14 March, 1703-4, where she is described as "late Hannah Shaddock of Watertown."

<sup>4</sup>Benjamin Shattuck of Littleton, clerk; John Holland of Watertown, and wife Elizabeth; Isaac Holden of Cambridge, yeoman, and wife Johanna; and Joseph Holden of Cambridge, yeoman, guardian to his four children; Joseph, Stephen, Abigail and Abner, minor children of his wife Abigail, deceased, convey to William Greenleaf of Boston the remainder of the testator's personal estate, as ordered by the will of William Shattuck, deceased, dated 10 June, 1687, and interest in land in Watertown with dwelling house, 18 Dec., 1732. Middlesex Deeds, 33:423.

<sup>5</sup>F. A. Holden *Ms.*



he was a soldier in the Indian War at Old Saco, and after his return was married." When the second parish of Cambridge, known as Menotomy (now Arlington), was set off 27 Dec., 1732, the north-western corner of his orchard formed one of the bounds.

He was a farmer, and in his will dated 21 Sept., 1765, proved 7 April, 1772, he described himself as a "husbandman." To the heirs of his son Isaac he gave £33, and the same to the heirs of son Justinian. The residue he gave to son Henry, whom he named executor. His estate was represented only by a debt of £189 due from Henry.

26 JOSEPH (*Justinian*), born 6 Sept., 1683, at Cambridge; died 30 Nov., 1768, at Westminster, aged 84 (*g.s.*); married 17 Feb., 1714-15, at Watertown,<sup>1</sup> ABIGAIL SHATTUCK, baptized 24 July, 1698, died "in the spring of 1728,"<sup>2</sup> daughter of William and Susannah (Randall) Shattuck of Watertown. He married, second, 11 June, 1729, at Watertown,<sup>1</sup> ELIZABETH (DICKSON) RUSSELL, widow of Hubbard Russell of Cambridge, baptized 24 July, 1698, at Cambridge, died 1784, at Westminster, her death being noticed in the *Massachusetts Spy* of 26 August, daughter of John and Margery (Winship) Dickson of Cambridge. By her first marriage she had Jason, Mary, Margaret, and Hobart Russell.

Children, born at Watertown:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 JOSEPH, born 31 Jan., 1715-16; died 14 Sept., 1774, unmarried. Administration on his estate was granted 25 Oct., 1774, to Stephen and Abner Holden. He enlisted 24 June, 1748, and served until 16 Oct. following in company commanded by Captain Edward Hartwell, as sentinel and "Narragansett Scout."<sup>4</sup> His brother Abner wrote of him, "He underwent the difficulties and unavoidable hardships which are peculiar to settling new plantations. He had an uncommonly firm constitution, having for almost forty years together never been confined to his bed by sickness one day, till his last sickness, which did not confine him to his bed more than 24 hours. He was strictly honest and just in his dealings, moderate in his demands, prudent in his living, decent but not extravagant in his apparel, diligent in his calling, an enemy to idleness and profanity, got his bread by the sweat of his brow . . . for many years past been employed in the most respectable offices of the town, which he discharged with truthfulness to his constituents."

- 2- 2 STEPHEN, born 21 Oct., 1717; died 15 Sept., 1794; married ABIGAIL BEMIS.

- 3 ABIGAIL, born 19 Oct., 1719; died 5 Aug., 1775, at Newton; married 28 Jan., 1762, DAVID RICHARDSON (as his third wife), born 14 April, 1700, at Woburn, died 1770 at Newton, son of Samuel and Sarah (Hayward) Richardson.<sup>2</sup> She had no children. "She learned the

<sup>1</sup>Town records.

<sup>2</sup>Town and church records, and Abner Holden's relation.

<sup>3</sup>F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup>Archives, 92:145.



tailor's trade and pursued that calling until she was over 40 years old . . . she was a woman of a good share of understanding, a strict member of the Baptist persuasion, abounding in practical Christian virtues," and her brother adds, "by will dated March 5, 1773, gave her property to her brothers Stephen and Abner Holden. She was buried in Newton."

4 ABNER, born 6 May, 1721; died in infancy. Not on Watertown records.

5- 5 ABNER, born 2 Nov., 1722; died 22 Oct., 1805; married ELIZABETH DARBY. He left an account of his father's and his own family.

6 JONATHAN, born 6 June, 1725; died prior to 1732.

By second marriage:

7 ELIZABETH, baptized 26 April, 1730, at Watertown; died 14 Dec., 1756, at Westminster, of dyphtheria; married COLONEL JOHN RAND, born 14 Oct., 1722, at Lynn, died 11 Dec., 1789, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Parker) Rand.<sup>1</sup>

Children:

1. Zachariah Rand, born 18 Aug., 1752; married 22 June, 1778, JERUSHA SAWYER, daughter of Nathaniel and Jerusha (Flint) Sawyer.<sup>1</sup> They removed to Pittsfield, Vt.

2. Abigail Rand, died 8 Oct., 1756, at Westminster, of dyphtheria.

3. Elizabeth Rand, died 14 Dec., 1756, at Westminster, of dyphtheria.

Joseph Holden of Cambridge was appointed guardian of his children, Joseph, Stephen, Abigail, and Abner in 1732.

Joseph Holden was admitted to full communion with the church in the east end of Watertown, 3 Oct., 1725, and his wife Abigail, 5 Dec., 1725. From this time he took an active part in the affairs of the parish and church, being assessor, member of seating committee, etc. In 1732 he was chosen constable of Watertown. In 1705 he recovered at law a legacy of £20 left him by will of Joseph Rutter of Sudbury, who is described in Holden's complaint as the brother of his mother, the wife of Justinian Holden. In 1728 the General Court granted to the survivors of the Narragansett fight or their representatives, two townships, one being Narragansett No. 2, later Westminster. Abner Holden has told of his father's experiences in a relation which has come down to us:

"And now I am arrived again to treat of my Hon'd father, Joseph Holden, youngest son of Justinian Holden, who was borne at Cambridge in the year one thousand six hundred and eighty-three and was left without a father at the age of about four years, and before he obtained the least degree of knowledge or the smallest advantage of intruction from him, in an age when the country was new and unimproved and learning as new as the country, scarcely any schools established in towns and the means for obtaining knowledge but very indifferent, and he as it were, left to be his own director in

<sup>1</sup>Town records.

life; yet, however, through the smiles of Divine Providence with his own industry and that without the help of schools he obtained a degree of learning far beyond what is called common learning both in reading, writing and astronomy. In early life he was called into the service of his country as a soldier against the Indian enemy and after the return of peace he settled in the town of Watertown on a part of the farm of his Hon<sup>d</sup> father, and intermarried with Abigail Shattuck, daughter of William Shattuck and sister of Hannah and Susannah Shattuck, wives of his brothers Samuel and Isaac Holden, by whom he had four sons by the names of *Joseph, Stephen, Abner* and *Jonathan* Holden, and one daughter by the name of *Abigail* Holden; but before I particularize his family I shall endeavour a further description of him as to his features, manners, sentiments, temper, and disposition; and first as to his features, he was tall and slim-bodied and straight made, his face rather long, his eyes of a bright countenance rather inclined to a gray, his nose slim but not long, his chin rather sharp, his shoulders, arms and body well proportioned, very erect and straight when he walked, his speech in early life loud and distinct, was not very robust but a tolerable good constitution, temperate in his diet, civil in his deportment, free in his conversation, modest and reserved in his behaviour, and as to his sentiments in religious matters he was very catholic and charitable, far from that bigotry which very much governed our ancestors who first settled this country.

He supposed that the satisfaction of Christ's sufferings and death on the cross was sufficient to purchase life for the whole human race, and that the offers of life and pardon extended to all under the light of the gospel, and that not the hidden purposes of God but willful neglect of the sinner, can bar the sinner from the blessedness of the pardoned man.

After his family just began to make their appearance in the world and before any of them had arrived to years of discretion, his beloved wife was called out of this, into the world of spirits, and he left a widower with a family of small children, and very soon after her death, his youngest son, Jonathan Holden, deceased, being about three or four years of age. He, finding himself alone, conceived it his duty and interest to seek another consort, and within about one year after the death of his first wife he married with a widow, Elizabeth Russell, by whom he had one daughter, by the name of Elizabeth Holden.

Having but an indifferent farm, no wise sufficient to settle any of his sons, he formed the design of selling his interest in Watertown and purchasing land in the country sufficient to settle all his family around him, which he put in execution, having previous thereto joined the Narragansett Company in the right of his father Shattuck, who served in the war against the Narragansett Indians, in the early settlement of the country, and having obtained a grant (with others) of a township called Narragansett No. 2, formed a resolution of being the first settler in that new inhospitable wilderness. He sold all his interest, and gathered all his small substance and family together and on the 13th day of June, 1737, left Watertown, and on the 14th came to Lancaster, left his wife and young daughter, and myself, there for the summer, and he and my brother Joseph went forward to the new settlement and began to build a house; my brother Stephen soon followed and in the fall we all moved into the town; and a howling wilderness it was,

where no man dwelt; the surrounding forest, the hideous yell of wolves and shriek of owls, gobbling of turkies, and barking of foxes, was all the music we enjoyed; no friend to visit, no chant of musick was here to be found, no soul in the surrounding towns, all a dreary waste exposed to a thousand difficulties, no meeting house or minister, no mills or neighbours nearer than Crown Point or Canada; here with courage and magnanimity of mind he took up his abode for life.

The first of his care in a public line was the settlement of the gospel and building a meeting house; being a proprietary it was attended with very peculiar difficulties, but with much and great attention and frequent application to the proprietors, in about two years a meeting house was erected and the outside finished, and on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1739, at a public meeting of the proprietors in the township, it was dedicated and the sermon was preached by one Mr. Isaac Richardson, then of Woburn, from these words, viz.: the glory of the latter house shall be greater than the glory of the former house saith the Lord of Hosts and in this place will I give peace saith the Lord of Hosts.

After the meeting house was built the settlers began to come in, and in the year 1742 we settled the Rev'd Elisha Marsh in the work of the gospel ministry, and began to multiply, but soon war broke out between England and France, which greatly discouraged and retarded the settlement of the township. The Indians made havoc and war upon the new settlements, killed and captured some of the inhabitants in the western towns, drove off others and the General Court ordered forts to be built in this plantation. Ten forts were built and part of the inhabitants were put under pay as a town scout, and guard soldiers were stationed here, and the Indians were amongst us and attempted to captivate one William Bowman, but he made his escape. Thus surrounded with difficulties and discouragements the plantation multiplied but slowly till the return of peace, after which the town began to flourish.

After the ordination of Mr. Marsh the Church proceeded to organize itself with officers and chose my Hon<sup>d</sup> Father the first and Joseph Miller the second Deacons, who served in said offices till their deaths put an end to their services.

My Hon<sup>d</sup> Father advancing in age became unable to labor either for his own, or family's support, and his two eldest sons having settlements of their own, it became necessary that one of his sons should come forward to his assistance, and I, the writer of these lines, not having any settlement of my own, and he, desirous of my coming onto his farm, finally concluded to undertake with him, tho' attended with some very disagreeable circumstances which are not necessary to mention.

I continued with him seven years in a single life, till I was twenty-eight years old. My father's increasing years, with the increasing infirmity of body, finally put an end to his life on the 30th day of November in the evening in the year A. D., 1768, and that without any other sickness than natural decline of life. He left the world without a single struggle or groan, and we most heartily to mourn his loss which I believe was his gain."

Heyward, the historian of Westminster, considered Joseph Holden "for some time the most active, influential, and important inhabi-



tant of the township. By him were its primary features largely shaped, and to him, more than any other, was the success attending its founding and early growth due. . . . He was often called upon to represent the resident proprietors on important occasions at Boston and elsewhere, and was repeatedly elected to positions of responsibility and trust. When the church was founded he was chosen the first deacon . . . a man whose character was above reproach, and whose reputation was without a stain."

The *Boston Chronicle* of 30 Jan., 1769, notes his death and that his family was the second family which moved into Westminster, and that he left "one brother alive, above 90 years old; his oldest brother died about two years since, about 91 years old; and his youngest sister died about a year since, above 80 years old."

Administration on the estate of Joseph Holden was granted 13 March, 1769, to Stephen Holden of Westminster, the widow Elizabeth having declined administration 9 March. The inventory disclosed a total estate of £282-12-4, of which £247 was real estate consisting of a house and thirty acres land, east end of barn and one-half the house lot, except one acre; valued at £190; one quarter of a saw-mill £20; five acres on Brattles' stream, £2; one half right No. 53, except the house lot, £35-14-4. The interest in the saw-mill and part of the house lot (26 acres) and one half a second division of lot 6 (30 acres) and 15 acres of the third division of lot 3 was sold to Abner Holden.<sup>1</sup>

There are numerous deeds of record in Middlesex and Worcester to which Joseph Holden was a party. The following conveyances are of especial interest:

Joseph Holden of Watertown, husbandman, for £30 current money of the Province, to Isaac Holden of Cambridge, husbandman, 6 acres more or less, part of the Holden farm in Cambridge, bounded west by land of said Joseph Holden, north by Samuel Holden, east and south by Isaac Holden, 18 Dec., 1712.

Joseph Holden of Watertown, yeoman, for £25 to William Shattuck, Jr., of Watertown, weaver, 5 acres in Cambridge, bounded easterly by a brook leading out of Fresh Pond, west by meadow of Isaac Holden, northerly by meadow of said Joseph Holden, and south by meadow of Solomon Prentice. Wife Abigail. 31 Dec., 1716.

Joseph Holden of Watertown, yeoman, for £52, to Isaac Holden of Cambridge, yeoman, 10 acres meadow, formerly his father Justinian Holden's bounds on brook, lands of Stratton, Prentice, etc. 25 March, 1719.

Joseph Holden of Watertown, yeoman, to Henry Prentice of Cambridge, yeoman, for £800, 40 acres, partly in Watertown and partly in Cambridge,

<sup>1</sup>Worcester probate, 30: 217.



bounded northerly on said Henry Prentice, westerly on a highway and land in possession of Martha Cooledge, southerly on a highway and land of Martha Cooledge, and every other way by Fresh Pond, so called — also 20 acres in Cambridge, bounded northerly by Nathaniel Cooledge and Capt. Ephraim Frost, westerly and southerly by Isaac Holden and a highway near Watertown line, and easterly on said Isaac Holden, also 5 acres in Cambridge, bounded north by a brook, westerly by John Cooledge, southerly by Isaac Holden, and easterly by Henry Holden — also 1 acre in Cambridge, bounded northerly by Widow Stratton, westerly by Pout Pond, southerly by said Henry Prentice, easterly by Ebenezer Chenery, with all buildings on either of them, also Cow Commons or right in undivided land in Watertown. 23 Dec., 1735. Wife Elizabeth releases dower.

## THIRD GENERATION

122 JAMES (*Justinian, Richard*), born in 1685; died 1766, in Rutland District; married 17 Feb., 1708-9, at Charlestown, HANNAH ADAMS,<sup>1</sup> ("both of Cambridge"), who died in 1769.

James Holden of Worcester, gentleman, and wife Hannah, and Charles Adams of Worcester, husbandman, sell their share in estate of deceased brother Aaron Adams to brother Thomas Adams of Worcester, for £160, 2 April, 1734.<sup>2</sup>

Children:<sup>3</sup>

1 HANNAH, baptized 18 Dec., 1709, at Cambridge, her father having owned the Covenant the same day; died 23 Feb., 1729-30, at Worcester.

2-2 JAMES, born 2 Aug., 1711, at Charlestown; baptized 18 Nov., 1711, at Cambridge; died in the army, 1741; married SUSANNA HALL.

3-3 DANIEL, born 7 Oct., 1713; died 1755; married RACHEL RICHARDSON.

4 MARY, born 11 Feb., 1719, at Worcester; married 9 March, 1742, at Worcester, ISRAEL GREEN, son of William and Sarah (Sprague) Green, born 10 April, 1720, at Leicester, died at Hubbardston, between 1787 and 1792. After residing at Leicester some years, he removed to Petersham about 1750; thence to Hubbardston, prior to 1767. He was a prominent citizen, serving the town as moderator, selectman, assessor, constable.

Children:<sup>4</sup>

1. Lucy Green, born 29 Nov., 1743, at Leicester.

2. Mary Green, born 19 May, 1745; died 16 June, 1832, at Stoneham, aged 87 (*g.s.*); married 21 March, 1771, THOMAS VINTON of Stoneham.

3. Dolly Green, born 5 March, 1747; died 6 June, 1826, at Hubbardston, unmarried.

4. James Green, born about 1750 at Petersham. He was a "minute-man," was wounded at Bunker Hill, and died soon after.

5. Nathan Green, born about 1752; died 26 June, 1778, killed in action at Monmouth, N. J. He was at Bunker Hill, and had been promoted lieutenant shortly before his death.

6. Zeeb Green, born 11 Nov., 1754; died 1 July, 1821, at Brandon, Vt., married about 1779 SARAH COWEE, born 12 Oct., 1759, died 24 March, 1840, at Pittsford, Vt., daughter of James Cowee of Westminster. He was in the battles of Bunker Hill, White Plains, Bennington, and Saratoga, and in the campaign in New Jersey. About 1781 he removed to Chittenden, and in 1811 to Brandon.

<sup>1</sup> Cambridge records  
<sup>4</sup>F. A. Holden *Ms.*

Worcester Deeds, 5:59.

<sup>3</sup> Town and church records.

7. Lucas Green, born about 1757; killed at Bunker Hill, 17 June, 1775, dying in his brother Zeeb's arms. He had been in the engagement at Lexington.
- 5-5 JOSIAH, born 24 July, 1721; died 2 Jan., 1777; married ABIGAIL BOND.
- 6-6 THOMAS, born 26 Oct., 1723; died later than 1790; married RUTH BAKER.
- 7 ABIGAIL, born 5 May, 1726; died 8 March, 1814, at Barre; married 21 March, 1750-1, at Hardwick, JOSIAH BACON,<sup>1</sup> born 11 Feb., 1719, killed 17 June, 1775, at Bunker Hill.<sup>2</sup> See under 1225. Administration on his estate 20 Feb., 1776, to Josiah Holden (1225) and Solomon Bacon.
- Children, born at Barre:<sup>3</sup>
1. Solomon Bacon, born 13 Sept., 1751.
  2. Josiah Bacon, born 11 July, 1753.
  3. Hannah Bacon, born 10 July, 1755.
  4. Sarah Bacon, born 9 Aug., 1757; died young.
  5. Abigail Bacon, born 13 Feb., 1760; a minor in 1776.
  6. John Bacon, born 6 June, 1762; died young.
  7. Mary Bacon, born 23 May, 1765.
  8. Reuben Bacon, born 2 Oct., 1767; died young.
- 8 KEZIAH, born 15 Aug., 1729; not living 1763.
- 9-9 AARON, born 26 Jan., 1731-2; died 30 Sept., 1802; married Anna Clark. He was executor of his father's will.

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James Holden was early left dependent upon his own resources. His father's estate was small and could not have yielded much for the children. James Holden aged about fifteen, son of Justinian Holden, housewright, late of Cambridge, since of Woburn, deceased, chose his "loving kinsman John Williams" of Cambridge, husbandman, his guardian, and this choice was allowed 17 March, 1700.<sup>4</sup> This record is the only proof of his parentage.

John Williams was the son of Mary, daughter of Richard Holden, and therefore a cousin of James, but several years older, having been born in 1668. John Williams lived in Charlestown as late as 1722, but later was of Groton.

James Holden resided probably in both Charlestown and Cambridge before his removal to Worcester, where he acquired lands, and for many years his name either as grantee or grantor frequently appears in the Worcester Deeds. In March, 1707-8, a James Holden was discharged on parole by the Middlesex County Court, his offence not being stated. His name does not again occur in Middlesex County records, except on the occasion of a suit instituted by him to recover from John Stearns of Worcester on a bond of £25, dated 30 March, 1724. This case was tried in December, 1725, and Holden won his suit. He was then of Worcester, "yeoman."

<sup>1</sup> Paige: *History of Hardwick and Hardwick Vital Records*.

<sup>2</sup> Papers of Austin W. Holden.

<sup>3</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> Middlesex Probate Records, 10:274, also file 12,295.

Lincoln in "History of Worcester," says that more favorable prospects having opened in 1713, the proprietors, undiscouraged by former failure, attempted to rebuild the town. Their petition to the General Court for encouragement was granted, and in June, 1714, a report was presented which arranged for the adjustment of the claims of former settlers and other matters. By 1718 a number of settlements had been made, and that year a list of inhabitants who had accomplished the conditions of their grants was made up, which has unfortunately been lost.

It is known from a deed that James Holden lived in Worcester in 1716.<sup>1</sup> The fact that his last child recorded at Cambridge was baptized in November, 1711, indicates that he was one of the first to take up residence in Worcester under the reorganization of the settlement. He had an "original right" in the township.

He was chosen tythingman at the first town meeting held in Worcester, 1722, and served as selectman, 1725, 1729, 1730, 1733, and 1736.

The historian of Barre in the History of Worcester County, 1:256, writing of the early settlers says: "The earliest settler was Joshua Osgood, in 1726: a little later came two important and influential settlers from Worcester, Jothan Rice and James Holden. James Holden was evidently a man of character and weight, since he was one of the selectmen of Worcester before his removal to the 'North-west Quarter.' His descendants have been highly respectable. Josiah his son was father of James and Moses who were active and energetic citizens."

Worcester County was established 2 April, 1731, out of parts of Middlesex, Suffolk, and Hampshire, the town of Worcester having previously been in Middlesex County. The name of James Holden is found on the list of the Grand Jury in 1732 and 1733 and as a juror in 1734.

James and Samuel Holden of Worcester were partners in a land grant of 1740.<sup>2</sup>

In 1723 and the years immediately following, the inhabitants of Worcester, then embracing a much wider territory than now, suffered great apprehensions of Indian raids, and the selectmen for those years, of whom James Holden was one, were active in obtaining protection from the provincial authorities. Some idea of the situation of the settlers in this vicinity may be had by reading Mr. F. E. Blake's "Rutland and the Indian troubles of 1723-30."

In a roll dated at Worcester, 16 Jan., 1747-8, signed by James Holden, is the record of his service from 28 April, 1747 until 26 Octo-

<sup>1</sup> James Holdin of Worcester, husbandman, for £7, sells to Nathaniel Jones of Weston, yeoman, 4 acres in Worcester, part of tract on which said Holdin now dwells, at the southwesterly end of it, etc. Wife Hannah consents. 30 Nov., 1716. Middlesex Deeds, 21:212.

<sup>2</sup> Worcester Deeds, 50:197.



ber, 1747, as sergeant in command of a detachment doing duty at New Rutland.<sup>1</sup> The attestation and endorsement of this roll describes him as "Captain." There is also the record of enlistment of James Holding 16 Dec., 1747, serving until 9 March, 1747-8, as centinel in company of Captain Phineas Stevens, posted at No. 4 (Charlestown, N. H.).<sup>2</sup> Probably this latter record relates to James Holden of Framingham.

James Holden is styled "Capt." and "of Rutland District, gentleman." His will dated "1763," presented 3 Dec., 1766, was allowed 23 Dec., 1766, at Worcester. He gave to his wife Hannah all household goods and west end of his dwelling house for life, as well as the profits of his messuage, ploughing land, mowing land, etc.

To grandson John Holden, only surviving son of eldest son, James Holden, deceased, 10 shillings which, with what his father had, to be his share; to grandson Jeduthan Holden, eldest son of son Daniel Holden, deceased, £1-10, and to the other children of said son Daniel Holden, viz: — Rachel, Daniel, Martha, Katherine, Nathan, James, each 10 shillings, as they come to age, — their father having had his portion.

To son Josiah Holden, £10-13-4, he having had part of his portion.

To son Thomas Holden, £15.

To daughter Mary, wife of Israel Green, £10-13-4, and to daughter Abigail, wife of Josiah Bacon, £10-13-4, they having had part of their portion.

To son Aaron Holden, all the real estate, viz: — the half part of the farm on which the testator now dwells, 55 acres more or less (the other half formerly conveyed to said Aaron Holden, by deed of gift) and half of buildings, etc. The testator's wife to have one-half the produce during her life, and Aaron is ordered to till the land and deliver her share to her. Aaron Holden is named executor.

Agreement to will is signed by Hannah Holden, Josiah Bacon, Israel Green, Jeduthan Holden.

Inventory: real estate £200; personal estate small.

Administration was granted on the estate of Hannah Holden, widow, to Aaron Holden, who gave bond, with John Black and Benony Shurtleff, all of Rutland, 19 August, 1769.

124 EBENEZER (*Justinian, Richard*), born 11 May, 1690, at Woburn; died 1756, in the army, probably at Fort Edward;<sup>3</sup> married 5 Feb., 1712-13, at Cambridge,<sup>4</sup> ELIZABETH READ, "of Charlestown," his cousin, born 25 Feb., 1689-90, at Woburn,<sup>4</sup> daughter of John and Elizabeth (Holden) Read.

"Elizabeth Holden with her two children" at the house of Ralph Reed, warned by selectmen of Woburn, 4 Aug., 1719. The constable

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 92:69.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, 92:85.

<sup>3</sup> Archives, 95:142.

<sup>4</sup> Town records.

endorsed the writ; "She informed me she came from Lebanon, and is an inhabitant there, and came to Woburn in June, last."<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth Holden from Windham in May last warned from Woburn, 29 Aug., 1727.<sup>1</sup> The church manual of the church at Windham lists among the members there prior to 1725, "Elizabeth Holden."<sup>2</sup>

Children:

- 1 - 1 Ebenezer, born probably in 1713; died 1780; married SYBIL.
- 2 Elizabeth, probably the second of the two children living in August, 1719.
- 3 - 3 Jabez, born 7 Sept., 1721, at Windham, Conn.;<sup>3</sup> died 24 Feb., 1798; married Rebecca Ward.
- 4 William, born 5 Sept., 1723, at Windham.<sup>3</sup> No further trace.
- 5 Benjamin, born 5 May, 1725, at Windham;<sup>3</sup> married 3 Feb., 1757, at Scotland, Conn.,<sup>4</sup> REBEKKAH LILLE. Served in 1755 and 1756, in 1st Conn. regiment; from April to Nov., 1758, in 3d R'g't and 30 June, 1759, was one of the men who had "not joined" the 4th R'g't at Lake George.<sup>5</sup>
- 6 Joseph, twin with Benjamin;<sup>3</sup> probably died young.

Ebenezer Holden was described as "of Charlestown" at the time of his marriage. He was one of the Massachusetts men attracted to the new townships opened to settlement in eastern Connecticut, and lived in both Lebanon and Windham, but returned to Massachusetts, and in 1740 was described as "of Kingsfield,<sup>6</sup> in the county of Hampshire." On the 7 March, 1740-1, he was living on "Mr. Read's farm, Hampshire county,"<sup>7</sup> and on the 16 Jan., following, describing himself as of Hardwick, blacksmith, sold as "heir," one third of the grant by Watertown to Samuel Freeman in 1640, being 35 acres of upland, a great dividant in the second division and 27th lot.<sup>8</sup>

On the 5 Oct., 1744, an execution was issued in favor of Joseph Brooks of Ware River, against Ebenezer Holden "of a place called Bedford."<sup>7</sup>

Soon after 1713 the Province of Connecticut transferred to John Read, at less than a farthing an acre ten thousand acres in the western portion of what is now Ware. These were part of the Equivalent lands granted Connecticut in return for abandoning claims to certain towns on the Connecticut, including Enfield and Suffield, now, however, part of that state. About 1725 a settlement was made

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex Sessions files. The town clerk reported that the name Holden did not appear on Lebanon records. Ralph Reed was elder brother of Elizabeth Holden, and was born 5 Sept., 1686.

<sup>2</sup> It should be noted that there was an Elizabeth Holden, who as daughter of Joseph Lewis of Simsbury, deceased, sold land 24 Nov., 1715, to Gillett and Abigail Adams, which she had as part of her father's estate. Abigail Adams administered on the estate of John Lewis of Simsbury, a brother of Elizabeth. (Hinman *M.*, N. E. Hist. Geneal. Soc.) Elizabeth, daughter of John and Mary (Humphrey) Lewis, born 6 March, 1681, at Windsor, had sister Sarah and brother John. John Lewis, father of Elizabeth, died 1713. There is no record of the marriage of Elizabeth, and the identity of this Elizabeth Holden remains obscure.

<sup>3</sup> Hinman *M.*, quoting town records.

<sup>4</sup> Bailey: *Connecticut Marriages*.

<sup>5</sup> Connecticut military rolls, Conn. Hist. Society.

<sup>6</sup> Now Palmer, at one time called the Elbows.

<sup>7</sup> Hampshire Sessions and Common Pleas.

<sup>8</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 69:509. See Watertown records, 1:60.

at what was afterward designated as Lambstown (1732), and incorporated in 1738 as Hardwick. Read's farm was in part the northern boundary of the territory set off as Palmer. Prior to 1740 the number of settlers in this territory was few, their means of communication slight, nor were they capable of supporting independent church and town government. Records are therefore scanty. Ebenezer Holden probably settled upon the ten thousand acre tract of Read, and for purpose of identification was styled of Hardwick, though he seems to have had no connection with that town. Probably in 1742 or 1743 he settled in the District of Bedford, seventeen miles southwest of Springfield, incorporated as Granville in 1754, where the first settlement seems to have been made about 1735.

There is a return dated 20 Dec., 1750,<sup>1</sup> by a committee representing the proprietors, in compliance with the act passed 20 June, 1750, of persons admitted inhabitants in the District of Bedford. The return lists seventy-six, of whom the first was Rev. Moses Tuttle, the second Mr. Daniel Brown, the seventh Ebenezer Holden, the nineteenth Ebenezer Holden, Jr.

The name of Ebenezer Holden, appears on the pay roll of a company commanded by Captain Thomas Cheney, in the regiment commanded by General Dwight, raised in Massachusetts in 1746, for the expedition against Canada, which was dismissed 31 Oct., 1747.<sup>2</sup>

Ebenezer Holden of Westfield enlisted as private 22 April, 1756, and served until 1 Oct., 1756, in company commanded by Captain John Mosely in the Crown Point expedition. Entered as "aged 56, born in Oborn (*i. e.* Woburn), residence Granvale," joined from Captain Ashley's company, Colonel John Worthanton's regiment, from town of Granvale. In camp at Fort Edward 26 July, 1756, "took Handel's place," allowed 10 days travel and fifteen days subsistence while making up roll, and is charged 12 shillings for his gun. Also allowed 9 shillings, 6 pence for subsistence from Westfield, 95 miles. His name appears on a roll of Captain Mosely's company, Colonel Joseph Dwight's regiment, dated 11 Oct., 1756, at Fort William Henry with the word "dead" against it.<sup>3</sup>

The age of Ebenezer Holden in the above enlistment roll is given as 56 years (he was actually 66 years of age), but as there is no other Ebenezer contemporary with the son of Justinian; and as Ebenezer son of Justinian is the only one of that name known to have been born in Woburn, there is no doubt as to the identity of the soldier.

163 JOSEPH (*Samuel, Richard*), born not later than 1695, probably in Woburn; died between 1743 and 1747, at Stoneham; married

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 115:756.

<sup>2</sup> *N. E. Hist. General Register*, 50:72.

<sup>3</sup> Archives, 95:143; 94:323, 423, 550.

prior to 1718, NAOMI HOWE, born 22 April, 1701,<sup>1</sup> probably at Charlestown End (Stoneham), died later than 1742, daughter of Isaac and Deborah (Howe) Howe of Stoneham. Isaac Howe, who was formerly of Roxbury, left a will dated 27 Jan., 1717-8, by which Naomi Holden, his daughter, is to be paid £10 by her brother John, after the decease of her husband. Among the papers concerning the estate is a bond of John Gould of Watertown, father-in-law of John Howe, reciting that Isaac Howe bequeathed to his son John, a minor, certain land, and Jacob Howe, the executor, refuses to give possession to John Howe, Jr., lest the legacy of £10, payable to Naomi Holden by John Howe on the death of her husband be imperiled.

Children:

- 1 - 1 Benjamin, born about 1718; baptized 21 May, 1721;<sup>2</sup> died 1790; married ABIGAIL HOW; (2) SARAH GALLOT.
- 2 James, born about 1720; baptized 28 March, 1725;<sup>2</sup> apparently living 1789; married 25 Aug., 1748, at Framingham, ABIGAIL ARTHUR, born 8 May, 1722, daughter of John and Abigail Arthur. James Holden of Framingham married MRS. GRACE DWINNELL, (intention 25 Aug., 1759, at Ipswich).<sup>3</sup> James Holden "resident in Ipswich" and REBECCA IRELAND were married 5 Feb., 1760, at Linebrook parish. James Holden was probably at one time a member of the family of his brother Joseph, who lived in Linebrook parish, but in 1783 had his own house in Boxford. Undoubtedly the above marriage items pertain to the same man. His name occurs on a list of men between the ages of 16 and 60 composing the Alarm List of the company of Colonel Buckminster, dated 26 April, 1757.<sup>4</sup> Probably the following record relates to this James Holden: Enlisted as sentinel 16 Dec., 1747, in service 9 March, 1748, company roll of Captain Phineas Stevens at No. 4 (Charlestown, N. H.).<sup>5</sup> Temple, the historian of Framingham, says of James Holden that his name appears on the alarm list of Captain Jere Belknap, 26 April, 1759; that he was living in Framingham in 1789; that he was born in Stoneham, bound as an apprentice to "J. S." of Reading, and in 1748 came to Framingham, where he lived near the Ebenezer Warren place, and becoming poor the town had law suits with the towns of Reading and Stoneham concerning his support. 25 Sept., 1766, he was found in Boston and described by the constable whose duty it was to warn strangers, as "last from Framingham, a blind man and in years. He looks very poor. He came to town yesterday. He could not tell where he lodged."<sup>6</sup> James Holden with "wife" and Naomi Holden, last from Stoneham, were warned from Reading, 15 May, 1781. He was in ill health, 25 Sept., 1775, and received aid from Stoneham, where he was then living.

<sup>1</sup> Probably on authority of Abiel Holden.

<sup>2</sup> Congregational church records, Wakefield, formerly South Reading.

<sup>3</sup> Grace Dwinnell was probably widow of Zecharias Dwinnell, published 30 July, 1743, at Ipswich to Grace Ireland. Grace, daughter of Benjamin Ireland, baptized 13 Aug., 1721; Rebecca her sister baptized 7 Oct., 1722, both at Hamlet Parish, Ipswich.

<sup>4</sup> Archives, 95:315.

<sup>5</sup> Archives, 92: 69, 85.

<sup>6</sup> Suffolk files, 87, 106.



- 3-3 JOSEPH, born about 1725; living 1791; married MARY CANDAGE.
- 4 TIMOTHY, baptized 4 June, 1732, at Stoneham; died 1756 in the army; married 11 March, 1755, at Sudbury,<sup>1</sup> SUSANNA BRIGGS. He was of Reading. Stoneham was allowed to warn Timothy Holden and Susannah his wife, 9 March, 1756.

Timothy Holden enlisted 22 March, 1756, in company commanded by Captain William Peabody, Colonel Plaisted's regiment. He was reported sick at Albany 11 Oct., and on roll dated 12 Oct. reported "dead." On 13 Aug. he had been reported sick in camp, "aged 23, born in Stoneham, cooper." On one roll his residence is given Methuen, on another Framingham. He enlisted out of Captain Hay's company, Brattle's regiment, which was a Stoneham company.<sup>2</sup>

Administration on estate of Timothy Holden, late of Framingham, granted to Cornelius Woodman, of Sudbury, 14 Feb., 1757. The deceased is called of Sudbury in commission for inventory, which was taken 14 July, 1757, where he is described as "late of Framingham." This inventory discloses wages due him £10-13-8, and total £11-9-6, with no real estate. The administrator in account rendered 5 Dec., 1757, charges for a journey to Boston to get the deceased's wages, to paid James Holden £3-10-8, and to widow for her privilege, £2-14-11 1-2.<sup>3</sup>

- 5 NATHAN, baptized 9 March, 1734-5, at Stoneham;<sup>4</sup> died prior to August 13, 1756, in the army, when on the roll of Captain Peabody's company he is reported "dead." He enlisted from Captain Hay's company, Colonel Brattle's regiment, 22 April, 1756, described as aged 21, a native and resident of Stoneham. He is also reported as of Framingham, aged 21, laborer, born in Stoneham, mustered into the company of Captain William Peabody, Colonel Plaisted's regiment, for the expedition against Crown Point. He was at Fort William Henry.<sup>5</sup> His will dated 11 May, 1756, was proved 8 Feb., 1757, and disposed of a small estate, to which his sister Naomi was sole heir. His brothers Benjamin and James acquiesced in the settlement.<sup>3</sup>
- 6 NAOMI, baptized 1 Jan., 1737-8, at Stoneham.<sup>4</sup> Naomi Holden admitted to Framingham church, 1756;<sup>6</sup> dismissed to Stoneham church, 1799. Naomi Holden from Framingham warned from Stoneham, Sept., 1765. "Mrs." Naomi Holden and Jonathan Houll of Hollis, intention of marriage at Stoneham, 8 April, 1793. She is probably the Naomi Holton of Stoneham in the Census of 1790, head of a family consisting of herself and one male under 16 years. Betsey (Holden) Dike (1641.6) sent the following verse "to Naomi Holden, March 22, 1803,"

"Oh, do not be discouraged  
Since Jesus is your friend,  
And if you lack for knowledge

<sup>1</sup> Sudbury records.

<sup>3</sup> Middlesex Probate.

<sup>5</sup> Archives, 94:198, 395, 484, 506; 95:100.

<sup>2</sup> Archives, 94, 198, 289, 393, 395, 484; 95:100.

<sup>4</sup> Stoneham church records.

<sup>6</sup> Wyman: *Charlestown Estates*.

He'll not refuse to lend,  
 Neither will he upbraid us  
 Tho' often we request.  
 He'll give you grace and glory  
 And take you up to rest."

This may indicate that the marriage with Houll was not consummated. The verse is found in Asa Holden's Journal.

Joseph Holden lived on part of the Holden farm in Stoneham, deeded to him by his father. The provision in his father-in-law's will, that not until his death should his wife receive her legacy, indicates that as early as 1718, soon after his marriage, he developed signs of that lack of responsibility which led the selectmen of Stoneham to declare him *non compos mentis*, 18 June, 1734. On their recommendation Captain John Vinton, a neighbor, was appointed his guardian. Vinton filed his bond 1 July, 1734. An inventory of the estate taken at this time showed that Joseph Holden possessed 20 acres bounded east on Samuel Holden, and valued at £160. Samuel Sprague was appointed in the place of Vinton on 8 March, 1735-6, "the said Joseph Holden, his wife, and brother" having signified their uneasiness and dissatisfaction with Vinton. Samuel Holden became surety in £1100 for Sprague.

The accounts of the guardian throw some light upon contemporaneous family happenings:

Feb., 1739-40, "his part in cash paid for his father's funeral," £15-5-10. To a legacy paid to Abigail Hadley, £10. Paid his brother for nursing him, he being lame, and boarding him. Paid Antony Hadley for boarding him.

28 July, 1742. Paid Jacob How (who had also boarded them in 1739-40) for keeping Mrs. Holden, her two children, and the cow, seven months, £12. Paid Ephraim Latherbee for boarding Joseph Holden 32 weeks, £3. Paid Dr. Tufts, Dr. Swain. Samuel Holden's wife for making two shirts, 5 sh. Paid Samuel Holden for keeping Joseph Holden 30 weeks. The last account was rendered 8 Aug., 1743.

Stoneham's caution against Joseph Holden last from Woburn was allowed 11 March, 1739, and Reading's caution against Joseph Holden, last from Stoneham, was allowed 13 Dec., 1743.<sup>1</sup>

164 SAMUEL (*Samuel, Richard*), born 28 (23<sup>2</sup>) July, 1699, at Stoneham; died there 12 Oct., 1761, aged 62; married 29 Aug., 1728, ELIZABETH DIX,<sup>3</sup> born 28 April, 1699,<sup>4</sup> died 10 Jan., 1774, "in the 75th year of her age," daughter of John and Lydia<sup>2</sup> Dix of Reading.

<sup>1</sup> Records General Sessions, pp. 185, 328.

<sup>2</sup> Asa Holden's Journal.

<sup>3</sup> See "Ralph and John Dix of Reading," by Eben Putnam, in *The Genealogical Magazine*, for March, 1917, where her ancestry and connections are given.

<sup>4</sup> Town records.

Administration on her estate was granted to Samuel Holden, 21 June, 1774.

Samuel Holden's own account of his marriage and family was copied by his grandson Asa into the latter's journal, who noted other family records and matters considered by him worthy of preservation. The birth of Mrs. Holden is given 3 May, 1699. The children were all living in 1774, and participated in the division of their mother's estate.<sup>1</sup>

Samuel Holden lived on part of the estate formerly his father's. Samuel Holden, Jr., was taxed in the rate for 1726, on both real estate and personal property. This was prior to his marriage. Settlement of his estate was effected at the same time that his widow's was settled in 1774.

Children, born and baptized at Stoneham,<sup>2</sup> of "Samuel and Elizabeth":

1 - 1 SAMUEL, "our first born," born 2, baptized 12 Oct., 1729; died 12 March, 1800; married MARTHA CALL.

2 ELIZABETH, born 22, baptized 28 Feb., 1730-1; died 6 Aug., 1775 (*g.s.* at Stoneham); married 25 Nov., 1751, at Woburn,<sup>2</sup> JACOB GOULD of Stoneham, born 14 Oct., 1726, died 14 June, 1801, son of David and Elizabeth (Green) Gould.

Children:<sup>3</sup>

1. Elizabeth Gould, born 2 March, 1752; married 1760, THOMAS KNIGHT.

2. Jacob Gould, born 30 March, 1754; murdered 26 Nov., 1819. This tragedy was long remembered as the "Stoneham Murder." He and his unmarried brother, David, and a maiden sister, Polly, with a maid named Winship, lived in Stoneham. On the night of the 25 November, a gang of men broke into the house and demanded the money supposed to be kept there by the old men. Both attempted to defend themselves, and were stabbed by their assailants. David recovered. The story is told in Deane's History of Stoneham.

3. Thomas Gould, born 2 Oct., 1755; died 15 March, 1756.

4. Mary Gould, born 18 July, 1757; died 21 Nov., 1836, unmarried.

5. Lydia Gould, born 17 Nov., 1759.

6. Thomas Gould, born 27 April, 1761; married 29 Aug., 1790, HANNAH HILL.

7. David Gould, born 5 June, 1761; died 6 July, 1834, unmarried.

8. Nathan Gould, born 20 March, 1768; married 23 April, 1789, ABIGAIL EVANS of Woburn.

9. Susanna Gould, born 21 June, 1772; married 11 April, 1793, JESSE CONVERS, born 9 Feb., 1765, son of Josiah and Hephzibah Convers of Woburn.

<sup>1</sup> W. F. Bucknam is responsible for the statement that there was recorded out of place in Stoneham records, the birth of Belcher Holden, 1 Oct., 1744, son of Samuel who he also asserted had married as a second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Richard and Ruth (Knight) Belcher. There appears no further trace of this supposed child, and certainly Samuel's wife, Elizabeth Dix, survived him.

<sup>2</sup> Town and church records.

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

- 3 ANNA, born 18, baptized 23 June, 1734; died 3 Sept., 1800, unmarried, "confined to her bed five years, lived and died a pattern of patience and resignation."
- 4 LYDIA, born 6 Sept., baptized as "Anna" 7 Sept., 1735; died 14 April, 1789, of "consumption."
- 5 - 5 JOHN, born 24, baptized 29 Oct., 1738; died 20 Feb., 1807; married MARY KNIGHT.
- 6 DORCAS, twin with John, baptized same day; died 13 Oct., 1831, aged 93 (*g.s.*); married DAVID GOULD, born 7 July, 1741, died 17 Feb., 1834, aged 95 (*g.s.*), son of David and Esther (Green) Gould.<sup>1</sup> Lived in southeastern part of Stoneham.
- 7 REBECCA, born 11, baptized 19 April, 1741; died 9 May, 1790, unmarried, "of the measles."

184 JOHN (*John, Richard*), born 6 Feb., 1697-8, at Woburn;<sup>2</sup> died 1756; married 17 Dec., 1724, at Reading,<sup>2</sup> MARY DAMON, daughter of Thomas and Lucy Ann (Emerson) Damon, and granddaughter of Rev. Joseph Emerson of Mendon by his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Edward Bulkeley.<sup>3</sup> Her gravestone at Woburn bears the following inscription; "Here lyes Buried ye Body of M<sup>rs</sup>. Mary Holdin; wife to Mr. John Holdin Who Departed this Life Nov<sup>r</sup> ye 21<sup>st</sup> 1749 in ye 49 Year of Her Age."

Children, born at Woburn:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 MARY, born 3 Jan., 1725-6; baptized 27 Oct., 1728, as "daughter of John Holden of Woburn," at church in Reading, now Wakefield Congregational Church; died 17 Dec., 1741.
- 2 PHEBE, born 9 Oct., 1727; married,<sup>2</sup> 12 July, 1750, EDWARD GEARY of Lunenburg, born 7 Oct., 1730, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Damon) Geary.<sup>4</sup>

Children, born at Lunenburg;<sup>2</sup> except the eldest:

1. Edward Geary, born 2 Sept., 1752, at Woburn.
2. Phebe Geary, born 30 Sept., 1755.
3. Mary Geary, born 7 Feb., 1759.
4. John Geary, born 25 Aug., 1761.
5. Elizabeth Geary, born 26 Feb., 1764; married 30 Nov., 1789, JONATHAN ADAMS.<sup>4</sup>
- 3 LUCY ANN, over 14 years, April, 1756, when Nathan Richardson was appointed her guardian; married 7 Aug., 1759, at South Reading, JONATHAN EATON, born 1739, son of Jonathan and Mary (Damon) Eaton of Reading.<sup>3</sup> They had descendants in Wakefield.
- 4 JONATHAN, baptized 1 June, 1729, at Reading, "of Jo Holden of Stoneham;"<sup>2</sup> died in youth.
- \* 5 JOHN, born 25 Dec., 1731; died 23 Jan., 1753, aged 21 years, 28 days (*g.s.* at Woburn).

Very little is known of John Holden. His name appears in the lists of tax payers in Woburn from year to year. Perhaps he was that

<sup>1</sup> *Giles Memorial*, p. 178.

<sup>2</sup> Town and church records.

<sup>3</sup> Eaton: *History of Reading*. She was born 31 Aug., 1701.

<sup>4</sup> Bucknam: *Stoneham Families (in Ms.)*.



John Holden who enlisted 3 June, 1725, and served until the 10 November of that year as corporal in the company commanded by Captain Josiah Willard.<sup>1</sup> His father conveyed the westerly part of his farm to him, with the dwelling house thereon, 26 February, 1725, acknowledging the same 2 February, 1742-3.<sup>2</sup>

Administration was granted on his estate 19 April, 1756, to Edward Geary of Lunenburg. The inventory of his personal estate, taken by Jonathan Holden and Nathan Richardson, including several notes of hand, amounted to £918-6-6 old tenor. The realty consisted of a mansion house and 13 acres, bounding east and south on the road, southeast by land late the estate of Timothy Richardson, deceased, and northeast and northwest on Jonathan Holden, valued at £105-12-0. Also 34 acres and a barn, bounded west by Richardson's River, south by Benjamin Richardson, southeast by Joseph Knight, Hezekiah Richardson, and Hadley, east by road, north by Andrew Evans. Also a wood lot of 8 acres, and 30 acres in Lunenburg, called the Brown lot, Also  $3\frac{3}{4}$  acres bought of Samuel Williams, and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres bought of David Wyman, both bounding on Evans and Jonathan Holden. The whole valued at £415-5-0. The estate was divided between the two surviving daughters, Lucy Ann being designated as the younger.

185 THOMAS (*John, Richard*), born 3 June, 1700, at Woburn;<sup>3</sup> died there (28?) July, 1738;<sup>3</sup> married 7 March, 1722-3, at Woburn,<sup>3</sup> REBECCA WYMAN, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Winn) Wyman.

Administration on the estate of Thomas Holden was granted to his widow Rebecca, 20 Oct., 1738, who gave bond with Jonathan Holden and Nathan Richardson. She joined in a deed with her daughters Rebecca, Sarah and Kezia, all single women, 19 March, 1745, in selling to Jonathan Holden<sup>4</sup> a dwelling house and  $37\frac{1}{2}$  acres, partly in Woburn and partly in Stoneham. The inventory of the estate, dated 11 May, 1739, disclosed a total of £777, of which £657 represented the real estate.

Children, born at Woburn:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 REBECCA, born 22 Nov., 1723; owned covenant and was baptized at Stoneham, 15 July, 1744; married 3 Aug., 1748, "at Boston,"<sup>3</sup> NATHANIEL TAY, probably son of William and Abigail (Jones) Tay, born 15 July, 1724, at Woburn, and who died 2 April, 1758, at Woburn.<sup>3</sup> She may have died in 1776,<sup>3</sup> but a Rebecca Tay married 21 Oct., 1766, at Woburn, NATHAN PEARSONS of Wilmington. Children, born at Woburn:<sup>3</sup>
  1. Ruth Tay, born 2 Jan., 1749.
  2. Lucy Tay, born 15 June, 1753.
  3. Nathaniel Tay, born 15 March, 1755.

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 91:190.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 43:596.

<sup>4</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 46:419.

- 2 SARAH, born 13 March, 1724-5; married 26 Aug., 1747, at Stoneham, ELISHA KNIGHT, born 3 Oct., 1723, at Stoneham,<sup>1</sup> baptized 26 June, 1724, at Reading; died 19 Aug., 1798, at Stoneham, son of Ebenezer and Anna Knight.<sup>3</sup>  
Children, born at Stoneham:<sup>1</sup>
1. Thomas Knight, born 26 Jan., 1748-9; married ELIZABETH.
  2. Sarah Knight, born 5 June, 1753.
  3. Ruth Knight, born 22 Dec., 1755; married SAMUEL INGALLS.<sup>3</sup>
  4. Amos Knight, born 20 May, 1757.
  5. Anna Knight, born 6 Aug., 1758; married THOMAS GREENE.<sup>3</sup>
  6. Elisha Knight, married LYDIA FARNSWORTH.<sup>3</sup> Probably settled in Harvard about 1796.
- 3 KEZIA, born 26 Dec., 1726; married 30 March, 1748, at Stoneham,<sup>1</sup> DAVID GEARY of Stoneham,<sup>2</sup> born 27 Nov., 1728,<sup>1</sup> at Stoneham, son of Thomas and Abigail (Vinton) Geary.<sup>3</sup> He kept tavern in Stoneham; was a soldier in the French War and married (2) JOANNA (HOLDEN) BROOKS (186-2), his first wife's cousin.  
Children, born at Stoneham:<sup>1</sup>
1. Abigail Geary, born 2 April, 1749; married 9 Aug., 1771, JOHN GREEN of Reading. They removed to Blue Hill, Me.
  2. David Geary (Captain), born 3 Sept., 1751; died 17 Mar., 1807; married 31 Dec., 1772, ELIZABETH DAMON; (2) ANNA BUCKNAM; (3) 23 Jan., 1791, SARAH RICHARDSON. He was a soldier in the Revolution.
  3. Keziah Geary, born 16 April, 1754; died 13 April, 1847; married 20 June 1780, JONAS GREEN, who had served in the Revolution.
  4. Thomas Geary, born 25 June, 1756; lost at sea or enslaved by Turkish pirates.
  5. Rebecca Geary, born 8 Oct., 1758; died 18 Sept., 1818, at Bradford, Vt.; married 21 Nov., 1782, ELISHA NEWHALL.
  6. Reuben Geary, born 17 Nov., 1760; died 12 June, 1786; served in the Revolution; married 12 May, 1781, JOANNA OAKES of Medford.
  7. Joshua Geary, born 2 Dec., 1762; married MARTHA NEWHALL of Lynnfield.
  8. Jesse Geary, born 8 May, 1765; died young.
  9. William Geary, born 31 March, 1767; living 1857 "aged 92" in Ohio; married MARGARET PICKET of Bradford, Vt.
  10. Daniel Geary, born 3 Nov., 1769; died 12 June, 1796; married the widow of his brother Reuben, intention 15 Nov., 1788.
- 4 RUTH,<sup>4</sup> born 31 Aug., 1728; died 10 March, 1743, at Woburn;<sup>1</sup> baptized 19 Dec., 1742, at Stoneham.
- 5 THOMAS, born 23 Feb., 1730-1; died in infancy.
- 6 DAVID, born 15 Sept., 1732; died 31 Dec., 1741, at Woburn.<sup>1</sup>
- 7 THOMAS,<sup>4</sup> born 31 Dec., 1734; died 4 March, 1743, at Woburn;<sup>1</sup> baptized 19 Dec., 1742, at Stoneham.

<sup>1</sup> Town records.<sup>2</sup> *N. E. Hist. Gen. Register*, 11:346, where some account of his children appears.<sup>3</sup> W. F. Bucknam papers.<sup>4</sup> Thomas, Joshua and Ruth, children of widow Rebecca Holden, baptized at Stoneham, 19 Dec., 1742.

- 8 JOSHUA,<sup>1</sup> born 22 March, 1736-7; died 4 March, 1743, at Woburn; baptized 19 Dec., 1742, at Stoneham.

Mrs. Holden was born in the house still standing on the Bedford road, built probably as early as 1660, and since 1765 known as the MacIntire place. The original house faces the south and is one room deep from back to front, with the chimney in the center. The western room was the hall or kitchen, that is the main living room, the eastern room being the parlor, a room which in olden times was nearly always provided with a bed. Over these two rooms were the hall chamber and kitchen chamber. The summers on the first story run lengthwise, and on the second story across the house, at right angles to those below. Over each girt or summer there is a pair of rafters, with purlins between them and covered with vertical boarding.

Although long abandoned except as store rooms, these old chambers and rooms in 1905 showed plainly what was once their condition. The parlor was never plastered, and there was then no internal boarding or wainscot, and the ancient clay and hay filling, which once made the wall of the house impervious to cold and wet, had entirely disintegrated and dropped down to the sill, leaving the bare stud to which the clapboards were nailed. The posts of the house have brackets, flare, and all brace from the top downward to the girts at the second story level. Such was the typical house of the last half of the 17th century, the date of erection of this particular house being about 1660. It is probably one of the two Wyman houses shown on the plan made by Danforth in 1668.

Not far distant, and to the north of this ancient building, is the cellar hole of the Amos Wyman house. There on the 19 April, 1775, Nathaniel Hancock and Samuel Adams sought refuge when they were forced by the entreaties of anxious friends to leave Lexington. The so-called Wyman blockhouse, on the main road to Billerica, at the eastern end of the old Wyman road, which connected these three places, is of much later date, and the internal evidence does not suggest its intended or probable use as a blockhouse.

John and Francis Wyman, tanners, were among the first settlers and substantial townsmen of Woburn. On the 10 May, 1655, a few days before the incorporation of Billerica, they purchased of Henry Dunster, President of Harvard College, his grant of 500 acres at Shawshine. This grant was bounded south by land of Captain Gookin, north by land granted to Edward Collins, and east by Woburn line. The Wymans also possessed 500 acres within the town of Woburn, purchased 11 April, 1665. The original grant was to Thomas Coitmore and was laid out to the Wymans 15 May, 1667, and is described as adjoining their own land, where their houses

<sup>1</sup> Thomas, Joshua and Ruth, children of widow Rebecca Holden, baptized at Stoneham, 19 Dec., 1742.

stand, and bounding on the Billerica line.<sup>1</sup> It bounded the Wymans' Billerica estate on the east, and was west of the town lots or commons of the proprietors of Woburn.

Francis Wyman by will of 5 Sept., 1698, proved 11 Dec., 1699, confirmed to his several sons the lands given them. Among these sons was Nathaniel. The homestead was given to Benjamin Wyman, a son, subject to the improvement by the widow of the east end of the house, next to Jacob Wyman's. These deeds of gift are not on record.

Nathaniel Wyman, son of Francis, died in Woburn, 8 Dec., 1717, intestate. He married 28 June, 1692, Mary, daughter of Increase Winn, and administration was granted to her. She married 30 Nov., 1720, John Locke of Woburn. In 1728 a division of the estate was made among the children. Increase Wyman, only son, had the homestead, and lived there until 1755. To Mary Wyman, *non compos mentis*, a small portion of land was set off on the northeast of the home farm. The other children were: Abigail Wyman wife of Benjamin Gowing; Ruth Wyman wife of Thomas Gould; Hannah Wyman wife of Timothy Wyman; Elizabeth Wyman wife of John Geary; Phebe Wyman wife of Thomas Geary; Rebecca Wyman, wife of Thomas Holden; Joanna Wyman wife of Jonathan Holden; Sarah wife of — Walker; Keziah wife of — Read.

186 JONATHAN (*John, Richard*), born 19 Jan., 1702-3, at Woburn;<sup>2</sup> "Mr. Holden died 1778,"<sup>2</sup> prior to 2 June, at Woburn, leaving a will; married 30 Dec., 1731, at Woburn, JOANNA WYMAN,<sup>2</sup> born 25 July, 1705, at Woburn, died there 11 Nov., 1786, "aged 83,"<sup>2</sup> daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Winn) Wyman.

Children, born at Woburn:<sup>2</sup>

1 JONATHAN, born 2 Sept., 1732; died 21 July, 1733.

2 JOANNA, born 26 Feb., 1733-4; died 19 Aug., 1808, at Woburn, aged 74;<sup>3</sup> married (intention 23 June, 1753) ISAAC BROOKS, born 31 July, 1729,<sup>3</sup> died 23 March, 1768, at Woburn<sup>2</sup> aged "38 years," son of Nathan and Sarah (Wyman) Brooks. She married (2) DAVID GEARY<sup>3</sup> of Stoneham, (see 185-3).

Children, born at Woburn:<sup>2</sup>

1. Joanna Brooks, born 19 Feb., 1755; married 1 Dec., 1774, JONATHAN KENDALL, born 1 Sept., 1751, son of Joshua and Esther (Buck) Kendall of Woburn.<sup>4</sup>

2. Isaac Brooks, born 16 Aug., 1757; died 20 Dec., 1840, at Amherst, N. H.; married 28 May, 1791,<sup>3</sup> ABIGAIL KENDRICK, who died 23 May, 1826. He was prominent in affairs at Amherst, and in the history of that town by Seccomb is to be found their portraits, and account of their descendants.

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 39:295.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> *N. E. Hist. Geneal. Register*, 58:135.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid*, 39:22.



3. Mary Brooks, born 11 Sept., 1765; died 6 Feb., 1853; married prior to 1787, FRANCIS COLBURN of Dunstable. She was a widow in December of that year, and "warned" by selectmen of Woburn, when she came to live with her mother. She married (2) 22 Jan., 1795, STEPHEN CUMMINGS of Woburn, died 12 April, 1804, son of David and Joanna (Jones) Cummings.<sup>2</sup>
- 3 JONATHAN, born 26 May, 1735; died 17 Aug., 1784, at Woburn.<sup>1</sup> Served as executor of his father's estate 1781. He is said to have been wounded during the Revolution.<sup>3</sup>
- 4 ABIGAIL, born 10 May, 1737; died 28 Feb., 1761, at Woburn.<sup>1</sup>
- 5 - 5 NATHANIEL, born 7 May, 1739; died 21 Jan., 1817; married MARY RICHARDSON.
- 6 AMY, born 22 Dec., 1740; died prior to 1774.
- 7 RUHANNA, named in her father's will; married 10 Sept., 1771, at Woburn,<sup>1</sup> JOSEPH WHITTEMORE of Malden, born there 15 May, 1731; died there 21 Feb., 1814, aged 83,<sup>1</sup> son of Daniel and Mary Whittemore. The "wife of Joseph Whittemore" died 12 March, 1810, at Malden,<sup>1</sup> "aged 78."

Children, born at Malden:<sup>1</sup>

1. Joseph Whittemore, born 31 Jan., 1773.
  2. Jonathan Holden Whittemore, born 10 April, 1776.
  3. Jonathan Whittemore, born 29 March, 1778.
  4. William Whittemore, born 5 Sept., 1781; died 1783.
  5. William Whittemore, born 2 Feb., 1785; died 20 Nov., 1850.
- 8 ELIZABETH, born 26 Oct., 1742; named in her father's will.
- 9 RUTH, born 20 Nov., 1745; named in her father's will; "probably"<sup>3</sup> married (intention at Woburn, 27 Sept., 1767) SETH SNOW.<sup>4</sup>

Children:

1. Seth Snow, born 1768, who married ABIGAIL GRISWOLD.
  2. Anna Snow, married SAMUEL PERRY.
- 10 SARAH, named in her father's will; married 16 April, 1769, at Woburn,<sup>1</sup> JOSEPH KNIGHT, JR., born 1 Oct., 1744, at Stoneham, son of Joseph and Sarah (Richardson) Knight. They removed to Harvard about 1770, where "widow Sarah Knight" died 3 Dec., 1816, "aged 69." Children:<sup>1</sup>
1. Sarah Knight, born 26 Aug., 1769, at Stoneham.
  2. Jesse Knight, born 26 May, 1770; married 21 Feb., 1803, SALLY CLEVERLY, who died 17 April, 1846.
  3. Abigail Knight, born 10 May, 1776, at Harvard; married 1797 at Lancaster, TRISTRAM SANBORN.
  4. Heman Knight, born 13 Dec., 1780, at Harvard; died 1 July, 1827;<sup>1</sup> married (intention 22 May, 1809) RHODA WILLARD of Sterling, who died 24 March, 1815, aged 32;<sup>1</sup> married (2) 6 Oct., 1818, NABBY SPRAGUE.<sup>1</sup>
  5. Abidan Knight, born 18 Jan., 1782, at Harvard; married 1811, SARAH JOHNSON, who died 14 Jan., 1822, aged 40, at Harvard.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> *Woburn Deaths*, p. 93.

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> George B. Snow of Long Beach, Calif., aged 82 in 1917, is a descendant; also Miss Florence Hurlbert of Dunkirk, N. Y.

Jonathan Holden received from his father, 25 Feb., 1725, the "middle part of the farm," consisting of  $29\frac{1}{4}$  acres, also  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres of woodland in Stoneham, bounded north by land he had already given to his son Thomas and westerly on the Woburn line, reserving to his other sons, John and Thomas, a right of way. Jonathan also bought of his father, 19 Oct., 1748, 6 acres woodland in Stoneham, paying therefor £100<sup>1</sup> and in 1745, purchased the farm of his brother John, deceased. In these deeds he is described as husbandman.

Jonathan Holden of Woburn, "yeoman," left a will dated 18 Aug., 1774; proved 2 June, 1778. To his wife Joanna he gave all household goods except what was given to son Jonathan as long as she remains a widow, also westerly end of my messuage in Woburn, containing my house, barn, and certain lands.

To his son Jonathan he gave a yoke of oxen, "horse chair and furniture," husbandry tools, etc., and provided that he was to provide his mother with horse and chair at her request, and to attend her in person, especially to public worship, — he also was to have the use of one-half the western half given his mother and the other half on her death or marriage. In case he married and had heirs, he was to have the whole of said western half after death of Joanna, but if he died without issue the said western half was to pass to Nathaniel.

The eastern half of said messuage he gave to son Nathaniel, the children of daughter Joanna, and to daughters Ruhanna, Elizabeth, Ruth, Sarah (the children of daughter Joanna counting as one only), equally; those who had not received anything in advance of their portion to be first made equal: "Joanna hath had £78, Ruth £28, Sarah, £9, and Ruhanna, £15." The estate was valued at £1275.

192 LIEUTENANT JOHN (*Stephen, Richard*), born probably in 1685, at Groton; died 27 Dec., 1753, at Groton, "in 69th year" (*g.s.*); married 22 Nov., 1716, at Groton,<sup>2</sup> SARAH DAVIS, born 22 Sept., 1694, died 21 Dec., 1753, at Groton, "in 59th year" (*g.s.*), daughter of John and Mehitable (Shedd) Davis.

John Holden and Sarah Holden, *alias* Davis, his wife, Eleazer Nutting, and Abigail his wife, Benjamin Farnsworth, Jr., and Patience his wife, all of Groton, children of John Davis, deceased, conveyed 26 acres in Groton to John Pratt, 15 Nov., 1731, late of Malden, now of Groton, for £13 and security given for maintenance of their mother Mehitable Davis of Groton, set off to her as part of her dower.<sup>3</sup> In another deed the same parties, with Lydia Davis, spinster, 2 Sept., 1727, conveyed land laid out to the ancient right of Samuel Davis.

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 43:318; 53:451.

<sup>2</sup> Groton return, County records.

<sup>3</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 38:60.

The "wife of John Holden" was admitted to Groton church, 13 July, 1729.

All of the children mentioned below, except John and Lois, joined in a deed, 22 April, 1760, conveying 12 acres on the west side of Lancaster River.

Children, born at Groton:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 SARA, born 5 Sept., 1717; died 5 March, 1798; married 9 June, 1737, SAMUEL HARTWELL of Groton, born 30 April, 1702; died 26 May, 1782, son of John and Sarah (Shepard) Hartwell.<sup>2</sup>

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1. Sarah Hartwell, born 19 March, 1738; died 5 May, 1798, at Groton; married 25 May, 1758, at Pepperill, JOB SHATTUCK, born 11 Feb., 1736, died 13 Jan., 1819, at Groton. He had an honorable record in the American Revolution, responding to the Lexington Alarm, and later being commissioned captain. He became involved in the proceedings of Daniel Shay, was a prominent figure in the insurrection and was tried and condemned for treason, 9 May, 1787, but was pardoned by Governor Hancock.
2. Rachel Hartwell, born 19 Dec., 1739; died 16 Aug., 1758.
3. Daughter, born and died May, 1741.
4. Priscilla Hartwell, born 20 Feb., 1745; married 9 Sept., 1766, JAMES GREEN, JR., who died 23 Feb., 1825.
5. Samuel Hartwell, born 11 July, 1748; died 22 Oct., 1753.
6. Hannah Hartwell, born 27 Sept., 1751.
7. Mary Hartwell, born 7 July, 1754; died 2 Oct., 1758.
8. Levi Hartwell, born 19 Dec., 1758.
9. Samuel Hartwell, born 7 Aug., 1761; married 15 Aug., 1791, CAROLINE MATILDA WRIGHT, born Aug., 1772, daughter of David and Prudence (Cummings) Wright.
- 2 JOHN, born 15 Oct., 1719; died in lifetime of his father, unmarried. Probably the John Holden of Groton who enlisted 15 April, 1748, and served to 17 Oct., in company commanded by Captain Edward Hartwell, raised in Townsend, Lunenburg, Narragansett No. 2, and Leominster.<sup>3</sup> See however, John (*John, Justinian*) 221.
- 3 RACHEL, born 13 March, 1722; unmarried 1753; widow of Gould in 1760; of Shirley.
- 4 - 4 CALEB, born 1 Feb., 1723-4; died 1795; married ABIGAIL; (2) MARY FARLEY.
- 5 - 5 AMOS, born 16 June, 1726; died 28 March, 1803; married PRUDENCE HOLDEN; (2) SARAH BLOOD.
- 6 - 6 ISAIAH, born 10 Aug., 1728; died Nov., 1811; married BETTY SHED.
- 7 - 7 NEHEMIAH, born 12 March, 1731; died 1809; married ELIZABETH.
- 8 LOIS, born 2 March, 1732; baptized 18 Nov., 1733; died young.
- 9 HANNAH, born 24 June, 1735; died 1 Sept., 1773 (in child-bed with thirteenth premature child);<sup>4</sup> married 1 Nov., 1753, at Groton, CALEB BLOOD, born 23 Nov., 1734, died 9 Dec., 1804, at Groton,

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> Archives, 92:145.

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, from *Shattuck Memorial*.

<sup>4</sup> Groton church records.

son of John and Joanna (Nutting) Blood. By second wife, ELIZABETH FARNSWORTH, he had nine children.

Children (others who died at birth), born at Groton:

1. Caleb Blood, born 24 Oct., 1755; died 1828.
2. Hannah Blood, born 23 Sept., 1757; married 17 March, 1778, at Groton, JONAS TAYLOR. Named in her father's will.
3. John Blood, born 6 Sept., 1759.
4. David Blood, born 8 July, 1762. Objected to his father's will, 1805.
5. Samuel Blood, twin with David.

J-10 DAVID, born 16 Dec., 1738; died 8 Aug., 1803; married SARAH HEMENWAY. In probate papers, 1760, described as Daniel, an error.

John Holden was held captive by the Indians in Canada, ten months as told under Stephen Holden (19). John Holden served in the campaign against the Indians in 1734, under Captain William Tyng, as we learn from the petition of his son Caleb Holden to the General Court in 1773, setting forth the above fact and that John Holden was consequently entitled to one right in the township granted Tyng's command, which township, upon the establishment of the line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire, fell in the latter province and was lost to the grantees. Caleb was then of Deerfield, and named as other heirs, Amos, Isaiah, Nehemiah and David Holden, Sarah Hartwell, Rachel Gould and Hannah Blood. The General Court by Resolve of June 25, 1773, granted these heirs four hundred acres to be laid out in any of the unappropriated lands of the province. One hundred and twenty-one acres were laid out to them at the northwest corner of grants to Ross and Hezekiah Wyman, and forty acres in Charlmont, bounding easterly on the river. Approval of the plat of the remaining two hundred and thirty-seven acres was withheld till further action of the General Court.<sup>1</sup>

Town and probate records, and his gravestone, describe him as "lieutenant." He was a farmer in Groton. He conveyed to Captain Jonas Prescott, 30 Oct., 1723, all right in land laid out by a committee of the Proprietors 7 Dec., 1721, to a 14½ acre right, ten acres of which right was originally Christopher Hall's, and the remaining 4½ acres was part of the right of Richard Holden.<sup>2</sup>

John Holden describing himself as "of Groton, gentleman," made his will 25 Dec., 1753; which was probated 11 March, 1754. He nominated his son Amos Holden, executor, and gave to his two sons, Isaiah and David his homestead between them, — and all the buildings between it and lands now claimed by Captain Samuel Tarbell and Lieutenant Eleazer Green, and a town way going over the River bridge. Also 6 acres of orchard and plow land, and to each a 3 acre

<sup>1</sup> Acts and Resolves, 1773, Chapters 56 and 108. The petition is entered under the name of Caleb Holder.

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 31:152.



common right. Isaiah to pay his sisters Sarah Hartwell and Rachel £6-13-4 each; David, described as "youngest son," one year after he is of age, to pay his sisters Lois Holden and Hannah Blood £6-13-4, each. To his son Nehemiah Holden all lands not disposed of to sons Caleb and Amos on the west side of Squannacook river, about 100 acres. Nehemiah to pay Sarah Hartwell and daughter Rachel, and Hannah Blood, each £6-13-8. To eldest son Caleb a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acre right, which with what he had had was his portion. To son Amos 1 red cow, and a 3 acre right, which with what he had had was his portion. To daughter Sarah Hartwell, 16 acres by little Cold Spring. Stephen Holden was one of the witnesses.

The inventory of "Lt. John Holden" disclosed real estate, £283; personal, £77. The account of the executor contains payment of items pertaining to the burial of both John Holden and his widow, and the procuring of a double gravestone, which is still standing, one of the quaint characteristic memorials of the period. It also mentions Jonathan Holden "brother of the deceased." David Holden, aged 14 years, chose Amos Laurance of Groton his guardian, 5 July, 1755.

193 ENSIGN STEPHEN (*Stephen, Richard*), born about 1690; died 1757, at Groton; married 2 Sept., 1719, at Groton,<sup>1</sup> HANNAH SAWTELL, born 8 June, 1695, daughter of Obadiah and Hannah Sawtell. Stephen Holden and wife were admitted to Groton church 3 March, 1723-4. They had previously renewed their baptismal covenant. Stephen Holden married, second, 4 July, 1749, at Charlestown, SARAH (RUSSELL) CRESSE, born 8 Feb., 1716-7, at Lexington, daughter of James and Mary Russell,<sup>2</sup> and widow of Jonas Cresse of Charlestown, whom she married 28 Aug., 1738, and by whom she had a daughter Sarah, who married Jonathan Fish.<sup>2</sup> She was not living when her husband made his will, hence may have died when Content was born.

Children, born at Groton:<sup>3</sup>

1 - 1 STEPHEN, born 11 June, 1720; died 22 Feb., 1791; married SARAH WHELOCK.

2 CHARLES, born 22 Oct., 1721; died prior to 1757 (probably prior to 1752), unmarried. He was one of the proprietors of Charlestown, N. H., and in 1743 was one of the fourteen residents there who addressed Colonels Willard and Hinsdale, 19 Oct., stating that the settlement was much exposed to Indian attack, and requesting protection from either Massachusetts or New Hampshire.<sup>4</sup> In 1745 Charles Holden was at Louisburg in the company of Captain Jonathan Smith, in 9th Mass. Rgt.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Groton church records.

<sup>2</sup> Lexington records, also Wyman's *Charlestown*.

<sup>3</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> N. H. Provincial Papers, 9:97.

<sup>5</sup> N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg., 25:266. See also under 196.

- 3 HANNAH, born 30 Sept., 1723; died prior to 1757.
- 4-4 PHILEMON, born 28 Feb., 1725; died 1810; married LUCY WALKER.
- 5 JEMIMA, married 17 Sept., 1749, at Shirley, Major John Goffe.
- 6 SUBMIT, born 21 Nov., 1729; married 13 Sept., 1759, at Groton, MOSES GOULD, born 4 July, 1732, son of Moses and Mary (Bellows) Gould.<sup>1</sup> Lived in Shirley and Walpole, N. H., where Submit Gould was admitted to the church 17 July, 1774.  
Children,<sup>1</sup> born at Shirley:  
1. Nehemiah Gould, born 27 Jan., 1760.  
2. Moses Gould, born 1 Sept., 1761.
- 7-7 SIMON, born 1731; died about 1788; married SARAH; (2) LOIS (LAMSON) KEZER.
- 8 BULAH, married 26 Dec., 1753, BENJAMIN COREY, JR., of Lunenburg, born 15 June, 1731, at Lunenburg, son of Benjamin and Rebecca Corey.<sup>2</sup> She married (2) 30 Sept., 1756, at Groton, ——— HARRIS.<sup>3</sup> Child:  
1. Eunice Corey, born 26 April, 1754.
- 9 NATHANIEL, died 15 May, 1740, at Groton.  
By second marriage:<sup>2</sup>
- 10 RELIEF, born 2 April, 1750;<sup>4</sup> married 8 July, 1772, at Townsend, JOHN LAWRENCE, "both of Mason," N. H.<sup>5</sup>
- K-11 JONAS, born 8 Sept., 1751; died 19 April, 1835; married SARAH READ.
- L-12 EPHRAIM, born 16 Sept., 1753; married HANNAH.
- 13 CONTENT, born 8 May, 1756. John Lawrence of Mason, N. H., was appointed her guardian 13 June, 1774.<sup>6</sup>

Stephen Holden was captured by the Indians in 1698, and released at the same time as his father. He was ensign in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Tarbell of Groton, which "scouted in the woods," 7-13 July, 1748.<sup>7</sup> In and about 1752 he gave to each of his surviving sons by his first marriage lands in Groton and Shirley, sufficient to establish themselves.

He lived in the southwestern corner of the present town of Groton, southwest of the Groton School and north of the original Moors farm. By will dated 21 Sept., 1757, proved 12 Dec., 1757, he settled upon his two youngest sons, Jonas and Ephraim, all his lands and build-ings, but they were required to pay small legacies to his other sur-viving children, Stephen, Simon, Philemon, Jemima Goff and Bulah Harris, all of whom had had their portions. To daughter Submit the household goods which were her mother's, and to two youngest daughters, Relief and Content, the rest of the movables. The prof-its of the estate were to be used to bring up the four younger children, and if either Jonas or Ephraim died, the survivor was to have the other's portion. John Page was appointed executor. Joshua Holden

<sup>1</sup> Gould: *Gould Genealogy*.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> Groton church records.

<sup>4</sup> Hannah, daughter of Lefe Holden, baptized 9 July, 1769, and the same day the mother was forgiven by the church. (Groton church records.)

<sup>5</sup> *History of Townsend*.

<sup>6</sup> Hillsboro, N. H., probate, 4444.

<sup>7</sup> Archives, 92:156.

was a witness to the will. The inventory disclosed an estate of £277-6-8, of which the real estate was £213. Jonathan Lawrence was appointed guardian of Jonas and Ephraim, 28 Dec., 1768.

Jonas Holden, then of Westford, conveyed to Joseph Moors, of Groton, 5 Nov., 1772, the homestead of his father, which was bounded in part by Moors, easterly, by the road and land of Jabez Holden westerly.<sup>1</sup>

194 NATHANIEL (*Stephen, Richard*), born 1691 or 1692; died 15 May, 1740, at Groton, in his forty-ninth year (*g.s.*); married 11 Dec., 1718, at Groton,<sup>2</sup> ABIGAIL STONE, died 29 Sept., 1757, in 66th year (*g.s.* at Groton), daughter of Deacon Simon and Sarah (Farnsworth) Stone.<sup>3</sup> "Nathaniel Holden and wife" renewed baptismal covenant, 16 Aug., 1719.<sup>2</sup>

Children, born at Groton:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 ABIGAIL, born 15 Sept., 1719; died 31 Jan., 1762, at Charlestown, N. H.; married 14 Jan., 1741-2, SETH WALKER, JR., born 16 Sept., 1717, died 4 Jan., 1794 (fell from house he was repairing), who removed from Shirley to Charlestown, and is said to have been a member of the company commanded by Captain Abel Walker in 1776 and 1777. His second wife, Jemima Farnsworth, by whom he had three children, died 22 May, 1807, aged 77.<sup>5</sup>

Children:<sup>5</sup>

1. Nathaniel Walker, born 6 Nov., 1742; died 23 Sept., 1753.
  2. Sybil Walker, born 3 March, 1745.
  3. Seth Walker, born 5 April, 1747.
  4. Abigail Walker, born 10 June, 1750; died 20 May, 1788, at Charlestown; married ELIAB GLEASON.
  5. Asa Walker, born 8 Sept., 1753; died 8 Nov., 1804; married SALLY; (2) 2 Jan., 1794, SARAH PERRY. He was a soldier during the Revolution. His grandson Charles Columbus Walker, M.C. from New York, was in the quartermaster corps in 1861.
  6. Isaac Walker, born 30 March, 1756; died 1785, at Bellows Falls, Vt., unmarried. Soldier in the Revolution.
  7. Nathaniel Walker, born 30 March, 1756. Soldier in the Revolution.
  8. Jabez Walker, born 2 June, 1758; died 20 Feb., 1812; married 17 Oct., 1790, ANNA WATKINS.
  - 2 NATHANIEL, born 2 Oct., 1721; died 30 April, 1740 (*g.s.*).
  - 3 ISAAC, born 19 Nov., 1723; died 1796 at Townsend; married SARAH.<sup>6</sup> In 1790 the Census enumerated him at Townsend, being head of family of self, one male under sixteen and one female.
- Children:
1. Sarah, born 19 Jan., 1756; died 21 Sept., 1756.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 79:200.

<sup>2</sup> Groton church records.

<sup>3</sup> Farnsworth Memorial.

<sup>4</sup> Butler: *History of Groton*, and F. A. Holden *Ms.*, Groton records.

<sup>5</sup> Wheeler: *History of Charlestown, N. H.*, and Chandler: *History of Shirley*.

<sup>6</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 52:454.

<sup>7</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

2. Sarah, born 19 Jan., 1759; died 6 March, 1759 (*g.s.*).

Isaac Holden was one of the petitioners for incorporation of Shirley in 1747. He was a proprietor of No. 4 (Charlestown, N. H.) under the New Hampshire grant, 1753, having previously lived there, but on its abandonment in 1746 he and Charles Holden (193-2), returned to Groton. He was an innholder at Groton in 1754, and that year a grantee of Grafton. In 1757 he bought from his brothers and sisters all but one share of their mother's dower in their father's homestead. His small estate was disposed of by will, dated 6 May, 1796, proved 14 June, 1796, equally to Hannah, wife of William Manning, and her son Samuel Scripture. The next heirs were Captain Asa Holden and the widow of Captain Jabez Holden and her son.<sup>1</sup>

Isaac Holden served in the French War as scout in company commanded by Captain Thomas Tarbell of Groton, 7-13 July, 1748. Also from 31 May to 17 Sept., 1754, as corporal in company commanded by Captain Humphrey Hobbs, Colonel Winslow's regiment defending the eastern frontiers, and also from 29 Feb., to 2 Dec., 1760, in company commanded by Captain Thomas Beman, being allowed 60 miles travel home.<sup>2</sup> On a roll dated at Annapolis, 28 May, 1755, he appears as sergeant, age given as 31 years.<sup>3</sup> William Holden, Asa Holden, aged 22, and Jonathan Holden, aged 18, were members of the same company.

He marched from Townsend as a member of the company commanded by Samuel Douglas in Colonel James Prescott's regiment, 19 April, 1775, and served five days "until the company was ordered back to take care of the Tories in Townsend." He was probably that Isaac Holden who was commissioned 2d lieutenant, 6 July, 1780, in the Fitchburg company, commanded by Captain Thomas Cowdin, 8th Worcester county regiment militia, and may have been that man of the same name who served from 16 June, 1778 to 25 Jan., 1779, in company commanded by Lieutenant John Flint, Colonel Thomas Poor's regiment, raised to fortify the passes about the North River, and was stationed at White Plains, Fort Clinton, and West Point.<sup>4</sup>

He was perhaps that Isaac Holden who was of Mason, N. H., 1773 and 1774, selling land there,<sup>5</sup> but this may have been No. 2321. He was not listed in the valuation of 1770, either at Groton or Shirley, or at Ashby, hence he must have disposed of his property in Groton prior to that date.

- 4 LYDIA, born 6 Dec., 1725; died 5 Feb., 1744-5<sup>6</sup> (*g.s.*).

- 5 MARY, born 3 April, 1728; married 13 Dec., 1749, at Groton, JONATHAN SAWTELL, died 12 Aug., 1801.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex Probate.

<sup>2</sup> Archives, 92:156; 93:133, 139a; 98:328.

<sup>3</sup> Colonel Winslow's Journal and muster rolls of the various organizations under his command are in possession of Mass. Hist. Soc. Selections were printed by Dr. S. A. Green in *Groton during the Indian Wars*.

<sup>4</sup> Mass. Revolutionary rolls.

<sup>5</sup> Hillsboro, N. H., Deeds.

<sup>6</sup> See account of administrator of estate.

<sup>7</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*, information principally of R. M. Tingley. The *Farnsworth Memorial* asserts that Jonathan Sawtell was son of Ephraim and Abigail (Farnsworth) Sawtell, born 18 Sept., 1729, but the F. A. Holden *Ms.* states that he was son of Hezekiah and Joanna (Wilson) Sawtell, born 6 June, 1724. The former is probably correct.



Children,<sup>1</sup> probably born at Rindge, N. H.:

1. Jonathan Sawtell, born 31 Jan., 1753; died 29 Dec., 1830, at Rindge; married 9 Oct., 1777, HANNAH WITCHER.
2. Mary Sawtell, born 15 Sept., 1754, at Rindge.
3. Joanna Sawtell, born 17 June, 1756; married ABRAHAM WETHERBEE of Greenfield, Penn.
4. Abigail Sawtell, born 27 June, 1758; died 25 March, 1835; married 24 March, 1778, JOSEPH PLATTS; (2) ENOS LAKE.
5. Hezekiah Sawtell, born 26 Feb., 1761; died 1 Oct., 1824, at Rindge; married 26 Nov., 1782, SARAH RUSSELL; (2) 28 April, 1818, LUCY TAYLOR.
6. Maria Sawtell, born 18 Jan., 1763; married 23 June, 1788, THOMAS WETHERBEE.
7. Rebecca Sawtell, born 28 Jan., 1765; married 4 Feb., 1796, ENOCH DAY.
8. Josiah Sawtell, born 24 Nov., 1766; died 1 Oct., 1825, at Rindge; married 4 Sept., 1788, MOLLY PAGE; (2) SYBIL (HOWE) STONE, widow of Captain Ebenezer Stone.

6 PRUDENCE, born 26 April, 1730; married AMOS HOLDEN (1925).

7-7 ASA, born 23 Aug., 1732; died 23 June, 1813; married DOROTHY WAIT; (2) SYBIL LAKIN.

8-8 JABEZ, born 12 May, 1735; died 11 Aug., 1787 (*g.s.*); married RACHEL FARNSWORTH.

Among the list of grantees of Lunenburg, listed 11 May, 1720, at a meeting in Concord, is the name of Nathaniel Holden of Groton. The assessment seems to have been £2-10 per right. The grantees of "ye South town called Turkey Hills" drew their lots at Concord 23 May, 1721. Nathaniel Holden had lot 42, and paid in £4-5. The committee met sometimes at Holden's tavern in Concord. This tavern was kept by John Holden, one of the proprietors, a descendant of Justinian Holden. Lot 42 was a house lot and was transferred to John Fiske. Holden also had lot 3.<sup>2</sup>

Nathaniel Holdin and wife Abigail, Simon Stone, Jr., and Benjamin Stone (with the consent of his father) all of Groton, and Stephen Farr and wife Sarah, and Abraham Whitney and wife Mary, of town of Stow, and Jacob Chamberlain and wife Susannah, of Newtowne convey in 1723 "unto our brother Joseph Stone of Groton," several parcels upland, swamp and meadow in Groton, that John Davis lately sold to our brother Isaac Stone now deceased, by deed dated 16 Oct., 1721.

Nathaniel Holden of Groton, yeoman, purchased from John Holden, Stephen Holden, William Holden and Jonathan Holden, all of Groton, yeomen, Simon Holden of Cambridge, blacksmith, William Lund of Dunstable, yeoman, and wife Rachel, William Green of Groton, yeoman, and wife Hannah, John Kemp of Groton,

<sup>1</sup> See account of administrator of estate.

<sup>2</sup> Lunenburg town records, Vol. I.

husbandman, and wife Sarah, for £216 "paid by our brother Nathaniel Holden," all right in a certain parcel of land in Groton, being part of the homestead of "our honored father, Stephen Holdin late of Groton, deceased, and upon the settlement of the said estate set out to our honored mother as part of her dower," 20 acres, also east end dwelling house and 1-3 of barn, — also 3 acres meadow at Indian Hill; — also 1-2 acre Common Right. 3 July, 1735.<sup>1</sup>

Administration on the estate of Nathaniel Holden of Groton was granted to Abigail Holden, widow, 30 June, 1740, with Ephraim Sawtell, gentleman, and Simon Holden, husbandman, sureties. Account of Administratrix 31 June, 1740; — real estate, £971, personal £373.

In the distribution the east end of dwelling house was set off to widow: to Isaac, eldest son, the slate field,  $14\frac{3}{4}$  acres, and a little barn, etc., £84: to Asa, second son, 40 acres, £29: to Jabez, third son, west end of dwelling house, £20: to Abigail, eldest daughter, £31: to Mary, second daughter, £14-2-6: to Prudence, third daughter 46 acres, £24.

Assented to by Abigail Holden, Isaac Holden, Seth Walker, and Abigail his wife, Benjamin Bancroft, guardian for Asa, Jabez, Mary, and Prudence Holden, 29 April, 1745.

196 WILLIAM (*Stephen, Richard*), born probably in Groton; died 25 Dec., 1745, in the army before Louisburg; married about 1725, ELIZABETH, who married, second, 20 April, 1747, John Daby (or Darby) of Harvard,<sup>2</sup> who died 6 Jan., 1769, at Harvard, aged 80 years, 11 months (*g.s.*). His widow died 9 Sept., 1767, in her 62d year (*g.s.* at Harvard).

Children, born at Groton:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 ELIZABETH, born 2 July, 1725; baptized 26 Nov., 1727; married 14 Dec., 1747, MOSES WHEELER of Groton, who removed to Charlestown, N. H. He was in some of the fiercest encounters in the French and Indian wars, and held the rank of ensign. He participated in the celebrated defence of Charlestown under Captain Stevens, 4 April, 1747, and was with Hobbs in his encounter with Sackett. A very large man, though of good proportions, he was said to have been the strongest man in the cordon of forts protecting the frontier. Having been detailed with five others to take a small cannon to the top of Hoosac Mountain, while the others were discussing the means to carry out instructions, Wheeler swung the gun onto his shoulder, and bore it to the assigned place, pausing once only on the way.<sup>4</sup> Children:<sup>4</sup>

1. Sarah Wheeler, born 4 Sept., 1748.

2. Elizabeth Wheeler, born 29 June, 1750; married 6 July, 1768, OLIVER FARNSWORTH of Charlestown.

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 37:282.

<sup>2</sup> Town records; Middlesex Probate.

<sup>3</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> Wheeler: *History of Charlestown*; where an extended account of his descendants may be found.

3. Moses Wheeler, born 28 June, 1752; married PAMELIA PUTNAM, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Putnam.
4. Eunice Wheeler, born 3 Oct., 1755; married JONATHAN HUBBARD.
5. Lydia Wheeler, born 5 Nov., 1757.
6. Phebe Wheeler, born 23 Dec., 1760.
7. Maria Wheeler, born 10 April, 1766.
8. John, born 31 Oct., 1768; married 1788, HANNAH THURSTON.
- 2-2 WILLIAM, "eldest son," born 19 Feb., 1728-9; died 8 Nov., 1807; married ANNES NUTTING.
- 3-3 JOSHUA, born 6 Feb., 1729-30; died 1 Dec., 1817; married SARAH BIGELOW; (2) HULDAH SIMPSON; (3) MRS. PHEBE (AUSTIN) STILES.
- 4 JEMIMA,<sup>1</sup> born 1 July, 1732;<sup>2</sup> died prior to 1776; married 29 June, 1758, at Groton,<sup>3</sup> JONAS GREEN, born 15 March, 1731, son of William and Hannah (Holden, 19-J) Green. Jonas Green married (2) Abigail, and had in all, nineteen children.  
Children, born at Groton:<sup>3</sup>
  1. Betty Green, born 23 Sept., 1760.
  2. Nathaniel Green, born 31 March, 1762.
  3. Jonas Green, twin with Nathaniel; died 2 April, 1762.
  4. Jemima Green, born 4 March, 1764.
  5. Lydia Green, born 19 Oct., 1765.
  6. Jonas Green, born 15 Oct., 1767.
  7. Josiah Green, triplet with Jonas and Reuben.
  8. Reuben Green, triplet; died 17 Oct., 1767.
  9. Abigail Green, born 5 Sept., 1769.
  10. Rachel Green, born 12 July, 1771.
- 5-5 RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> born 25 Aug., 1734; baptized 1 Sept.; died 1776; married DOROTHY ADAMS.
- 6-6 JONATHAN,<sup>1</sup> born 25 Aug., 1736; died 19 Nov., 1821; married HANNAH WOODS.
- 7 EUNICE, born 6 Aug., 1738;<sup>2</sup> married 31 Jan., 1765, at Groton,<sup>3</sup> JOEL STONE, born 1 May, 1742, at Groton, son of Deacon James and Mary (Farwell) Stone. Removed to Harvard.  
Children:<sup>4</sup>
  1. Joel Stone, born 30 Oct., 1765, at Groton.
  2. William Stone, born 16 Dec., 1767, at Harvard.
  3. Mille Stone, born 25 May, 1770; died 17 Dec., 1771.
  4. Mille Stone, born 20 June, 1773.
  5. Eunice Stone, born 12 Oct., 1778; died 5 Sept., 1779.
- 8 ABIGAIL, born 13 Jan., 1741;<sup>2</sup> 10 June, 1757, she then being of Harvard, Jonathan Symonds was appointed her guardian. Abigail Holden and David Allen of Petersham were married 17 Nov., 1757, at Harvard.<sup>2</sup>
- 9 LYDIA (Lucy Ann), born 30 March, 1745;<sup>2</sup> Jonathan Moors was appointed in June, 1750, guardian of Lydia, Abigail and Eunice.

William Holden inherited from his father three-fourths of one com-

<sup>1</sup> Minors 5 June, 1750, when they are represented by their guardians, John and Elizabeth Daby, in the settlement of their father's estate.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> Butler: *History of Groton*.

<sup>4</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

mon right in Groton and in the Gore, to which land had been laid out prior to 1737.<sup>1</sup> He appears as grantor of land but twice and not as a grantee at all.

William Holden enlisted 30 Aug., 1725, as centinel in company commanded by Captain Joseph Blanchard and served until 28 October, his residence being given as Dunstable.<sup>2</sup>

William Holden was sergeant in the company commanded by Captain Jonathan Smith, 9th Mass. Rgt. (Colonel Joseph Dwight) in the forces before Louisburg, 1745. Charles Holden (193-2) was a member of this company, as were other Groton men.<sup>3</sup>

Dudley Bradstreet in his Journal, kept at the siege of Louisburg, notes under date of Christmas (1745): "Died in the Royal Hospital, Sergt. Wm. Holden."<sup>3</sup>

Administration on his estate was granted 13 Sept., 1746, to his widow Elizabeth, who accounted for the estate as £800<sup>4</sup> real and £359-17-6<sup>4</sup> personal property 13 March, 1748, signing as Elizabeth Daby, and on the 1 May, 1750, Elizabeth and John Daby of Harvard quitclaim to William Holden, in consideration of £2-2-8, the said Elizabeth's right of dower.

The homestead, in the southwestern corner of the present town of Groton, consisting of a house, barn, and 55 acres of land, bounded south by Abraham Moors and Jonathan Holden, north by the said Jonathan and by Stephen Holden, and two acres of meadow.

This estate was deeded 22 March, 1750-1, by Isaac Holden to Amos Farnsworth of Groton, yeoman, for £203, it being described as the homestead of William Holden, deceased, bounding northerly and westerly on a town way, southerly by Abraham Moors and on all other parts by Stephen and Jonathan Holden, also 2 acres in Rock Meadow.<sup>5</sup>

Isaac Holden may have bought the farm from William, the eldest son, to whom it had been set off in consideration of his paying £17-5-0 to each of his brothers and sisters, whose names are given in the following order: Joshua Holden, Richard Holden, Jonathan Holden, Elizabeth Wheeler, Jemima Holden, Eunice Holden, Abigail Holden, Lydia Holden, but, though the deed is of record, possession of the estate seems to have remained with the Holdens. In the final settlement 5 June, 1750, Joseph Stone appeared as attorney for Moses Wheeler husband of Elizabeth Holden.

197 SIMON (*Stephen, Richard*), born about 1700, at Groton; died 1786 at Charlestown (that part adjoining Arlington, now Winches-

<sup>1</sup> Probate, 8263, settlement of estate of Stephen Holden.

<sup>2</sup> Archives, 91:169.

<sup>3</sup> *N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg.*, 25:266; *Mass. Hist. Soc. Proc.*, 2d series, 11:445.

<sup>4</sup> Old tenor, four times New tenor currency issued to take up the depreciated currency.

<sup>5</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 77:497.



ter); married prior to 18 May, 1736,<sup>1</sup> ABIGAIL GROVER, who was living in 1791, with her daughter Sarah. They owned the covenant in Cambridge church, in order to have their child baptized, 12 Sept., 1736.

Abigail Grover was probably daughter of Thomas and Bethia Grover, of Cambridge, formerly of Reading. Cambridge church records note the baptism of several of the children of Thomas Grover, but Abigail's baptism is given in the printed copy as "Abigail, daughter of H. Grover," 23 Aug. 1713. Probably the initial was a misreading for T.

Children:

- 1 ELIZABETH, baptized 12 Sept., 1736, at Cambridge; died 26 Nov., 1737, aged 2 years, 29 days (*g.s.*).
  - 2 SIMON, born 6 Jan., 1737-8; died 7 May, 1752, aged 16 years, of slow fever.<sup>2</sup>
  - 3 ELIZABETH, born 15 Sept., 1739; baptized 20 Jan., 1740; died 17 Oct., 1826; married (intention 7 Jan., 1764, at Charlestown) JONATHAN TUFTS, baptized 25 Feb., 1739; died 26 Sept., 1784, at Medford, aged 45 years (*g.s.* at Medford), son of James and Lydia (Hall) Tufts. Mr. Tufts was a brickmaker, and lived in Medford.
- Children:<sup>3</sup>
1. Jonathan Tufts, born 6 May, 1764; died 8 May, 1842; married DEBORAH BUCKNAM; (2) SUSAN INGRAHAM.
  2. Elizabeth Tufts, born 1 Dec., 1765; died 1811; married DAVID PARKER.
  3. Eleazer Tufts, born 28 Sept., 1767; died 10 Sept., 1787.
  4. Charles Tufts, born 3 May, 1770; died Oct., 1828.
  5. Simon Tufts, baptized 12 Jan., 1773; married.
  6. Ammi Tufts, born Dec., 1773; died 22 Oct., 1854; married JANE; (2) HULDAH LEE.
  7. John Tufts, born 19 July, 1776; died 16 Aug., 1817; married REBECCA (CUTTER) CUTLER, widow of Thomas Hall. Lived at West Cambridge.
  8. Ezekiel Tufts, baptized 10 Oct., 1779; died Feb., 1781.
  9. Ezekiel Tufts, baptized 15, died 22 Oct., 1782.
  10. Amos Tufts, born 18 Dec., 1784; died 5 Jan., 1785.
- 4-4 NATHANIEL, born 26 July, 1742; baptized 1 Aug., 1742; married MARGARET EWIN.
- 5 ABIGAIL, born in Charlestown, 28 Sept., 1744; baptized 7 Oct., 1744,<sup>4</sup> died in childbed 29 June, 1773; married 12 Nov., 1772, AMMI CUTTER,<sup>2</sup> born 4 Nov., 1733. She joined the church at Menotomy 1 Nov., 1772. Ammi Cutter subsequently married his wife's sister, Hannah Holden.
- 6-6 CHARLES, born 19 June, 1746; "mariner of Salem"<sup>4</sup>; d. 1816; married.
- 7 THOMAS, born 8 May, 1749;<sup>2</sup> of Charlestown; tax abated in 1771 being taxed in Medford<sup>4</sup> baptized 14 May, 1749; named in will of father, 1782.

<sup>1</sup>Sessions records. <sup>2</sup>Parish records in *Arlington Vital Records*. <sup>3</sup>Information of Dr. Edward C. Booth.

<sup>4</sup>Wyman: *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown*. He is not named in his father's will, but in 1798 joins with brothers indeed. See No. 145. Paige in *History of Cambridge* reports his death as of 5 June, 1768.

- 8 HANNAH, born 5 Aug., 1752,<sup>1</sup> baptized 9 Aug.; died 23 Aug., 1801 (*g.s.*); married 27 Oct., 1774, at Seabrook, N. H., AMMI CUTTER, born 4 Nov., 1733; died 19 April, 1795, (*g.s.*), son of John and Lydia (Harrington) Cutter. Seventeen of his twenty-one children survived him, and at his death, although but 62 years of age, he had 46 living grandchildren. He owned the mill which had long been in the Cutter family, and transmitted it to his descendants. He was a useful man in his community, enjoyed many town offices, and was clerk of the church, in which as chorister he led the music for more than thirty years. On the 19th April, 1775, he participated in the capture of a convoy of provisions at Menotomy, belonging to Lord Percy's reinforcements. He died of apoplexy.<sup>2</sup>

The legality of his marriage to his deceased wife's sister being questioned in Massachusetts, he was married in New Hampshire. Mrs. Hannah Cutter joined the church at Menotomy, 7 Sept., 1783. Children, born at Menotomy (Arlington):<sup>2</sup>

1. Joshua Cutter, born 1 Dec., 1775; died 16 Dec., 1777 (*g.s.*).
  2. Thomas Cutter, born 1 Nov., 1776; died 25 Nov., 1795.
  3. Joshua Cutter, born 14 March, 1779; died 1819, at New Orleans; married, at Kingston, Jamaica, SARAH MONT. He served on the frigate *Constitution*.
  4. Abigail Cutter, born 20 March, 1781; died 20 Sept., 1855, at Westfield; married 3 July, 1802, DR. CALVIN HOWE.
  5. Hannah Cutter, born 24 Oct., 1783; died 6 July, 1786.
  6. Rebecca Cutter, born 24 May, 1786; died 19 Dec., 1850; married 6 Apr., 1807, at Falmouth, BENJAMIN B. FOSTER.
  7. Simon Cutter, born 17 April, 1788; died 20 Sept., 1842, at Westbrook, Me.; married 1808, MRS. CHRISTIANA (DYER) SIMON-TON.
  8. Hannah Cutter, born 29 July, 1790; died 1 Feb., 1842, at Ashby; married April, 1808, THOMAS GIBSON.
  9. Artemas Cutter, born 16 Aug., 1792; died 22 Nov., 1764, at Malden; married 13 June, 1819, MARY PARKER; (2) 3 Nov., 1833, MRS. SARAH (EATON) KIDDER.
  10. Abiel Cutter, born 17 Aug., 1794; married 11 Dec., 1822, DORCAS ELWELL.
- 9 SARAH, born Cambridge, 16 June, 1757,<sup>1</sup> bapt. 19 June, 1757; married (intention 19 June, 1791, at Charlestown) SAMUEL THOMAS SMITH. In 1791, as of Charlestown, she purchased of her mother two-thirds of a house and barn on the road from Menotomy to Medford.<sup>3</sup> In 1790 she lived in Charlestown, head of a family of three females, probably self, daughter, and mother. By Sawtell Holden of Shirley she had Amy, born 18 May, 1776,<sup>4</sup> baptized 11 Aug., 1776, at Menotomy; married at Cambridge, 17 Jan., 1796, James Livingston of Boston, whose daughter Amy Sawtell Livingston, married John Maldt of Boston, who was aged about 80 in 1868, and who supplied F. A. Holden with information

<sup>1</sup> Parish records in *Arlington Vital Records*.

<sup>2</sup> *Cutter Genealogy and Supplement*. Ammi Cutter's first wife, Esther Pierce, died 1772, aged 38 years.

<sup>3</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 120:310.

<sup>4</sup> Middlesex Sessions, also *Arlington Vital Records*.

concerning this family in 1877. James Livingston died in the West Indies, aged 25, in 1798. Sarah Smith, widow of Samuel, died at Arlington, 29 May, 1832, aged 75 (*g.s.*).

- 10 JOHN, of Salem, mariner, joins with brothers Nathaniel and Charles, Elizabeth Tufts, widow, J. Flagg and wife,<sup>1</sup> and Hannah Cutter, in selling to Sarah Smith house and 16 acres on road Medford to Menotomy where their father lived, 1798.

Simon Holden was assessed in Charlestown in 1720, but his tax was abated, also 1727, 1741-8, and 1756-66. In 1728 his residence was in the section of Cambridge called Menotomy (now Arlington), adjoining Charlestown. He was a blacksmith. In 1728 his mother gave him 12 acres of land in Groton, and a five acre right in that township.<sup>2</sup> He styled himself of Charlestown in 1729, and in that year was granted four acres bounded northeast on Mystic Pond. He later bought other land, bounded in part on "Medford lower pond." At the time of his death his estate was inventoried at £90. His will dated 29 March, 1782, was proved 8 June, 1786.

Simon Holden served as centinel in company of Captain Joseph Heath, 19 July to 14 Nov., 1722; and from 16 June to 9 Nov., 1725 at Richmond, in the same company. His residence was given as Cambridge. He enlisted 22 Sept., 1747, but was discharged 23 September, company commanded by Captain John Codman. He was then described as of Charlestown.<sup>3</sup>

198 JONATHAN (*Stephen, Richard*), born 1703, at Groton; died 13 Sept., 1758, at Groton "aged 55 years,"<sup>4</sup> married 26 April, 1742, at Groton,<sup>4</sup> DEBORAH HOUGHTON. She was probably that Deborah Holden who married 12 Jan., 1774, at Groton,<sup>5</sup> John Woods.

Children, born at Groton:<sup>6</sup>

- 1 - 1 ROBERT, born 5 March, 1743; died 22 June, 1826; married SARAH TILLE or TUTTLE; (2) MRS. JOANNA (BRUCE) WHITCOMB.  
 2 JOHN, born 28 Jan., 1745; died 7 Oct., 1747.  
 3 DEBORAH, born 20 Feb., 1747; died 1 Sept., 1753.  
 4 JONATHAN, born 16 Nov., 1749; ward of Benjamin Bancroft, 1766; married OLIVE, who joined with Jonathan, described as of Templeton, in conveyance of 242 acres in Templeton, to Silas Heywood of Holden, 19 Nov., 1771.<sup>7</sup> The census of 1790 does not find him either in Massachusetts or Vermont nor is his name found in Massachusetts Revolutionary rolls.  
 5 MARY, born 11 Oct., 1751; died 10 Sept., 1753.  
 6 DEBORAH, born 24 Oct., 1753. There is a record of intention of marriage at Ashburnham, between Deborah Holden and John Read of Ashby, 7 June, 1780.

<sup>1</sup> Josiah Flagg married Margaret Holden, see 1974. He was of Mason, N. H.

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 28:104.

<sup>3</sup> Archives, 91:40, 187; 92:61.

<sup>4</sup> Butler: *History of Groton*.

<sup>5</sup> Church records.

<sup>6</sup> Town records.

<sup>7</sup> Worcester Deeds, 70:663.

7 MARY, born 15 Sept., 1756.

8 HANNAH, born 8 May, 1758.<sup>1</sup>

Jonathan Holden, housewright, received a deed dated 3 Aug., 1724, from Hannah Holden, widow, and John Holden (his brother) of 120 acres on both sides of Mulpus Brook, formerly belonging to Ensign Nathaniel Lawrence. This he sold in part 29 May, 1739, to Jonathan Gould for £275.<sup>2</sup> He sold other lands in the same locality in 1739 and 1740.

Jonathan Holden served under Colonel Tyng in 1724, and as of Groton enlisted 10 June, 1725, and served until 3 Nov., 1725, as a centinel in company commanded by Captain Eleazer Tyng. His name also appears on a list of men who scouted under Captain Thomas Tarbell of Groton, from 7-13 July, 1748.<sup>3</sup>

Administration was granted to Hannah Holden, widow, 6 Jan., 1759, on the estate of Jonathan Holden. The inventory disclosed real estate valued at £200 and the usual personal estate of a farmer.

On 12 Oct., 1765, the widow Deborah Holden requested that a commission be appointed to settle the estate. Report of Commissioners, 26 Sept., 1766, accepted by "the widow and heirs," Deborah Holden, Robert Holden, Benjamin Bancroft, guardian for Jonathan Holden. Endorsed on back, "Robert, Jonathan, Mary, Hannah."

The estate consisted of house, barn, and 50 acres land bounded south and southwest on Lunenburg road, west by Amos Farnsworth and heirs of Stephen Holden, north by said Farnsworth and east by said Holden's heirs and by Abraham Moors, all of which was set off to the widow and to eldest son Robert, he being ordered to pay his brother Jonathan and sisters Deborah, Mary, Hannah, each £13-2-5 1/3. 29 Oct., 1766.

199 BENJAMIN (*Stephen, Richard*), born about 1705, under fourteen years of age in 1715;<sup>4</sup> died perhaps in the army in the expedition against the Spanish West Indies, 1740, or soon after his return home; married 8 May, 1728,<sup>5</sup> at Dedham, HANNAH OCKINGTON, born 9 Sept., 1695, at Dedham, died 4 Jan., 1776, at Princeton, "from effects of a fall,"<sup>6</sup> daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Mason) Ockington.<sup>5</sup> She married, second, 5 June, 1746, at Dedham,<sup>5</sup> SAMUEL BULLARD.

<sup>1</sup> In 1850 there was a Hannah Holden, aged 93, born in Massachusetts, who was living at Windsor, Vt., with Austin Lamburton (aged 37). She was admitted to the church at Windsor 7 Oct., 1810, by letter from the church in Cambridge, Mass., to which she was admitted 28 Aug., 1793. She was aided by the town of Windsor in 1810, 1812-14, and died about 1850. That she was 198-8 is suggested by the fact that F. A. Holden asserted, but gave no proof, that Jonathan 198-4, was that Jonathan Holden of Windsor, Vt., whose marriage is recorded at Framingham, 19 June, 1810 to Betsy Clark. There is no further trace of Jonathan at Windsor. See also Benjamin Holden of Windsor who married there Mary Smeed, 21 March, 1793 and had children Hannah and Jonathan. Hannah Holden is described as "Mrs." on Windsor records, which however, is not proof that she was a married woman, as a lady of that age at that time was apt to be so described. See note, page 148.

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 37:659; 40:579.

<sup>3</sup> Archives, 91:127a, 194; 92:156.

<sup>4</sup> Probate records.

<sup>5</sup> Town and church records.

<sup>6</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*



Children, born at Dedham:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 - 1 BENJAMIN, born 10 March, 1728-9, baptized 13 April, 1729; died 24 Nov., 1820; married CATHERINE RICHARDS.
- 2 JOHN, born 31 Dec., 1731, baptized 2 Jan., 1731-2; died 19 Feb., 1731-2.
- 3 MINDWELL, born 16 Feb., 1732-3;<sup>2</sup> married 12 Sept., 1751, at Dedham, SAMUEL FARRINGTON. She owned the covenant at Dedham, 3 Feb., 1754.

## Child:

1. Samuel Farrington, born 27 Feb., 1754, at Dedham;<sup>1</sup> married May, 1778 at Dedham, ELIZABETH MANN of Natick.<sup>3</sup>
- 4 SARAH, born 13 July, 1735;<sup>2</sup> married 16 Aug., 1757, at Raynham, LEMUEL WILBORE, baptized 2 Sept., 1739, died 1820, son of Meshach and Elizabeth (Leonard) Wilbore.<sup>4</sup>

Children:<sup>4</sup>

1. Chloe Wilbore, born 7 May, 1758, at Raynham; died 24 Sept., 1818; married 1779, SALMON KEITH, son of Daniel and Lydia (Keyzer) Keith of Bridgewater.<sup>3</sup>
2. Asa Wilbore, born 29 April, 1760; died 8 Aug., 1847; married 1783, SYLVIA JACKSON.
3. Holden Wilbore, born 22 July, 1762; married RUTH TISDALE; (2) POLLY LEONARD.
4. Tryphena Wilbore, born 3 Sept., 1764; married 19 Nov., 1791, JABEZ HALL.
5. Daniel Wilbore, born 3 Sept., 1764; married SARAH TRASK.

The parentage of Benjamin Holden is proved by his release 15 May, 1729<sup>5</sup> for £10, to Nathaniel Holden of Groton, yeoman, all his interest in the estate of his father Stephen Holden, late of Groton, deceased, viz.: in that part set off to his mother Hannah Holden as her dower. In this deed he styles himself of Dedham, husbandman.

Thomas Ockington of Dedham, husbandman, 18 Dec., 1729, for love and affection, granted to take effect at his death, to his daughter Hannah Holden and her children, not excluding her eldest daughter, who was to share equally with the other children, £35 out of his movable estate, and one half his lands and buildings in Dedham and Stoughton, one half his cow-common and all lands to be laid out to it, excluding Benjamin Holden, his son-in-law from any right and interest. Hannah was to pay half his debts, and £20 to two of the grantor's grandsons at twenty-one, children his daughter Sarah had by Jonathan Hall of Taunton.<sup>6</sup> Thomas Ockington died intestate,

<sup>1</sup> Town and church records.

<sup>2</sup> Mindwell, Sarah and Jerusha, daughters of Hannah Holden, baptized 2 April, 1738, the mother being received into the church the same day. Jerusha was born 25 Sept., 1726, (*Dedham records*) and married Timothy Titus of Rehoboth. They united 2 March, 1761, with Samuel Farrington, his wife Mindwell and Lemuel Wilbore of Raynham, and his wife Sarah, the women being "granddaughters of Thomas, Ockington, late of Dedham," in conveying to Benjamin Holden of Dedham, gentleman, all their interest in land bequeathed them by Thomas Ockington (*Suffolk Deeds*, 96:98). The same month Hannah Bullard in consideration of £40, conveyed her interest in her father's estate to Benjamin Holden.

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Mss.*

<sup>4</sup> *The Wilbores in America*, p. 35.

<sup>5</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 30:274.

<sup>6</sup> Archives, 91:329, 336:40, 342.

19 Nov., 1732, and it was doubtless on his farm that Benjamin Holden dwelt.

Benjamin Holden renewed his baptismal covenant 13 April, 1729. At the time of his marriage he was described as of Needham, which had been set off from Dedham in 1711. His name appears on billeting rolls, dated 26 Aug. and 23 Sept., 1740, of men enlisted by Captain Thomas Philips for the expedition against the Spanish West Indies.<sup>1</sup> From this disastrous expedition against Carthegena only half the forces returned, and many of the survivors died soon after from sickness incurred while in the service.

217 DOCTOR WILLIAM (*Samuel, Justinian*), born 4 March, 1712-3, at Cambridge; died 30 March, 1776, at Dorchester,<sup>2</sup> aged 63 (*g.s.*); married 25 Aug., 1735, at Newton,<sup>2</sup> HANNAH BEAL of Hingham, born 29 Sept., 1713-4, died 20 Jan. 1786, at Dorchester<sup>2</sup> "aged 74" (*g.s.*), daughter of Thomas<sup>3</sup> and Jael (Remington<sup>4</sup>) Beal. On the marriage record Doctor Holden is described as of Sherborne. His epitaph describes him as "an eminent physician, a Friend to his Country, and a useful man."

Children,<sup>2</sup> born at Dorchester except the three eldest:

- 1 HANNAH, born 10 Dec., 1736; died 14 March, 1739, at Bridgewater, aged 3 years, 3 months, 4 days (*g.s.*).
- 2 - 2 SAMUEL, born 26 Nov., 1737, at Bridgewater; died 27 April, 1808; married HANNAH KELTON.
- 3 - 3 WILLIAM, born 30 Oct., 1739, at Bridgewater; died Dec., 1819; married SUSANNAH HUMPHREY.
- 4 HANNAH, born 8 Jan., 1741-2; died 8 Nov., 1800; married July, 1775,<sup>2</sup> at Dorchester, EZEKIEL BIRD, born 13 Jan., 1738-9, died 21 Dec., 1817, at Dorchester, son of Thomas and Mary (Clapp) Bird.

Children, born at Dorchester:<sup>3</sup>

1. Hannah Holden Bird, born 2 Oct., 1775; died 7 Nov., 1837.
  2. Ezekiel Bird, born 8 Oct., 1777; died 11 Aug., 1811.
  3. Samuel Bird, born 11 May, 1778; died 14 Sept., 1812.
  - 5 - 5 PHINEAS, born 31 Jan., 1743-4; died 27 Nov., 1818; married THANKFUL BAKER.
  - 6 - 6 JONATHAN, born 21 Dec., 1745; died about 1790; married MARY ANN BAKER.
  - 7 LYDIA, born 4 Nov., 1749; died 23 Nov., 1844, at Dorchester; married 1 Dec., 1781, ELISHA DAVENPORT, who died 8 Sept., 1807; (2) 4 Dec., 1811,<sup>2</sup> Honorable John Howe of Dorchester.
- Children, born at Dorchester:<sup>3</sup>
1. Lydia Davenport, born 23 June, 1784; married 10 May, 1803, DANIEL PIERCE, born 4 Aug., 1779, son of Jonathan and Mary (Glover) Pierce.

<sup>1</sup> Suffolk Deeds, 47:81.

<sup>2</sup> R. W. Holden *Mss.*

<sup>3</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> Lincoln: *History of Hingham*.

2. Polly Davenport, twin with Lydia.
3. Harriet Davenport, born 16 Nov., 1789.
- 8 MERCY, born 4 Jan., 1752; baptized 19 Jan., as Mary; married 21 Dec., 1775, EBENEZER CAPEN.  
Children, born at Dorchester:<sup>1</sup>
  1. John Capen, born 5 Feb., 1779.
  2. Ebenezer Capen, born March, 1785.
  3. Thomas Capen, born Nov., 1788.
  4. Phineas Capen, born 12 July, 1792.
- 9 ABIGAIL, born 24 March, 1757; died 25 Jan., 1799; married EBENEZER MOSELEY.  
Children, born at Dorchester:<sup>2</sup>
  1. Phineas Holden Moseley, born 17 Feb., 1778.
  2. Ebenezer Moseley, born 31 Oct., 1780.
  3. Hannah Holden Moseley, born Sept., 1782.
  4. Charlotte Moseley, born 31 Oct., 1783.
  5. Andrew Moseley, born 16 Dec., 1792.
  6. William Moseley, born 14 Oct., 1794.

William Holden was practicing medicine in Newton in 1734. He soon removed to Bridgewater, thence to Dorchester, where in 1753 he purchased 41 acres of John Holbrook, paying therefor £600. Some time prior to the Revolution he built a house for his sons Jonathan and Phineas, which was standing in 1877, and which was at one time owned by Samuel Payson, husband of Lucy Holden<sup>1</sup>.

The Alarm List of the 1st Independent Company of Dorchester, commanded by Colonel Estes Hatch, dated 15 March, 1758, contains the names of William Holden and William Holden, Jr.<sup>3</sup>

221 JOHN (*John, Justinian*), born 5 June, 1700, at Watertown; died probably in 1757, possibly in the army; married 29 Dec., 1725, at Concord<sup>2</sup>, MARY WHEELER, born 3 March, 1703-4, daughter of Thomas Wheeler of Concord.<sup>4</sup>

Children, born at Concord:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 SARAH, born 25 Jan., 1728-9; married (intention 29 Oct., 1749, at Acton) SAMUEL BARRETT,<sup>1</sup> born 6 July, 1725, at Concord, son of Joseph and Rebecca Barrett.<sup>1</sup>  
Child:<sup>1</sup>
  1. Samuel Barrett, born 24 Dec., 1773; married 11 March, 1804, MARY HEYWARD; (2) 1 Jan., 1811, SUSAN HUDSON.
- 2-2 JOHN, born 28 Jan., 1730-1; died Oct., 1785; married SUSANNA ELLSWORTH.
- 3 MARY, born 18 Dec., 1732.
- 4-4 JONATHAN, born 6 Oct., 1734; died 4 June, 1794; married RACHEL HOLLISTER.
- 5 REBECCA, born 31 March, 1736; married 1 Jan., 1756,<sup>2</sup> at Littleton,<sup>1</sup> SIMON TUTTLE, born 19 Dec., 1733, at Littleton, died 21 or 23

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> Archives, 96: 82.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> *Wheeler Genealogy*.

April, 1814, son of Siimon and Abigail (Chase) Tuttle.<sup>1</sup> Removed to Acton.

Child:<sup>1</sup>

1. Lucy Tuttle, married JOSEPH FLETCHER (elsewhere stated to have married ——— DAVIS).

John Holden was a cordwainer. In 1733 he became associated with his father as innholder, and soon took over the business. He was plaintiff in many suits about 1740. By exchange with his brother Daniel he obtained the latter's half interest in the buildings and land. This inn was on the Lancaster road, in the southerly part of Concord, near Nine Acre Corner, at a junction of two roads. In 1745 he was of Glastenbury, Conn., and acting as one of the distributors of the estate of Ebenezer Goodale of Glastonbury.<sup>2</sup> The preceding winter he had appeared as attorney for Ebenezer and Sarah Humphrey, administrators of the estate of Joseph Read of Oxford, Mass., concerning land sold in Glastonbury, and in 1746 was an appraiser of an estate there.<sup>2</sup> He may be the soldier of 1755, but it is more probable that the younger John, son of this man, was the soldier. It is not readily discovered which was the petitioner of 1756, but on 12 Sept., 1758, his brother Daniel Holden acknowledged witnessing the conveyance of a lot at Turkey Hill (Lunenburg) sold by John Holden, Jr., 28 Aug., 1723, making oath at the same time that the said John the grantor was deceased.<sup>3</sup> Members of this Concord family appear frequently as grantors and grantees of lands in Concord.

John Holden after removing to Glastonbury styled himself cordwainer, the craft to which he had been bred.

He served from the 3 June to 10 November, 1725, as corporal in the company commanded by Captain Josiah Willard.<sup>4</sup>

222 DANIEL (*John, Justinian*), born 3 April, 1702, at Watertown; died 7 Nov., 1782 "aged 83,"<sup>5</sup> at Concord, Mass.; married 15 Feb., 1725-6, at Concord, ANNE (ANNA) JONES, born 23 Aug., 1698, at Concord, died 4 April, 1782, "aged 83," at Concord,<sup>5</sup> daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Redditt) Jones.

Daniel Holden was a cordwainer. In 1762 he gave to his son Daniel one half his homestead, and in 1771 conveyed to him the other half. In neither case does his wife join in the deed, but this is not unusual in conveyances of this character, the mother's rights being thus protected.

Children, born at Concord:<sup>5</sup>

1 GRACE, born 30 Aug., 1726; perhaps married 20 Dec., 1757, at Sudbury, JONAS BALCOM.

2 HANNAH, born 26 Oct., 1728; died 16 Nov., 1728.

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 66: 587.

<sup>2</sup> Mainwaring: *Abstracts of Hartford Probate to 1750.*

<sup>4</sup> Archives, 91: 190.

<sup>5</sup> Concord records.



- 3 HANNAH, born 20 Nov., 1729; married 28 May, 1755, as of Stow,<sup>1</sup>  
OBADIAH GILL of Stow.
- 4 ANNE, twin with Hannah, died 4 Dec., 1729.
- 5 - 5 DANIEL, born 22 May, 1732; died 21 Jan., 1803; married MILLICENT  
HOSMER.
- 6 ANNE, born 8 Nov., 1734; married 31 Aug., 1769, at Concord, WILLIAM  
BARKER<sup>1</sup> of Acton.
- 7 - 7 SAMUEL, born 16 Nov., 1739 (16 Dec., 1740<sup>2</sup>); died 18 March, 1820;  
married SARAH HOSMER.

223 PETER (*John, Justinian*), born 1 Feb., 1704-5, at Watertown; died later than 1790; married 21 May, 1730,<sup>3</sup> BEULAH DAKIN, born 26 March, 1712, at Concord, died 22 Jan., 1732-3,<sup>1</sup> aged 20 years, 10 months (*g.s.*), daughter of Joseph and Dorothy Dakin. He married, second, 14 July, 1743, at Concord,<sup>1</sup> ABIGAIL JONES. "The widow Holden" died 22 Oct., 1803, aged 89 years.<sup>1</sup>

Peter Holden lived in the southern part of Concord. From land conveyances it is learned he was a cordwainer. His name appears on the alarm list of the company commanded by Captain John Minot.<sup>4</sup> Children, born at Concord:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 AMOS, born 16 Jan., 1730-1; died 6 Feb., 1730-1.
- 2 SAMUEL, born 26 Nov., 1731; died 30 April, 1738.
- 3 Child, born 26 Jan., 1732-3; buried in the same grave as its mother.  
By second marriage:<sup>1</sup>
- 4 BEULAH, born 31 May, 1744; married 27 Feb., 1766, at Concord,<sup>1</sup>  
BENJAMIN BURNAM of Lunenburg.  
Children, born at Concord:<sup>1</sup>
  - 1. Lemuel Burnam, born 2 June, 1766.
  - 2. Abigail Burnam, born 7 Sept., 1768.
- 5 MARY, born 19 Sept., 1746.
- 6 - 6 JOHN, born 26 July, 1753; died 13 March, 1828; married ZIPPORAH  
HALL.
- 7 HANNAH, born 5 Aug., 1756.
- 8 REBECCA, born 16 Aug., 1761.

226 JOSIAH (*John, Justinian*), born 29 Jan., 1711-12, at Watertown; died 2 Jan., 1800, at Concord, aged 88 years;<sup>5</sup> married 27 Jan., 1742,<sup>5</sup> at Concord, HANNAH PARKER, who died 12 Feb., 1819, aged 95 years,<sup>5</sup> at Concord.

A monument was erected at Groton to the memory of "Mr. Joseph Parker" who died 26 Nov., 1753, aged 64 years, 8 months, 26 days, by Josiah Holden, Abel Parker, Nathaniel Lakin, John Blood, Isaac Woods, and Josiah Parker.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Concord records.

<sup>2</sup> Family Bible.

<sup>3</sup> The data regarding the first wife of Peter Holden and of her children is taken from the Bible which after her death was given to his nephew Samuel Holden. There it appears Beulah Holden died 26 Jan., if correctly transcribed.

<sup>4</sup> Archives, 95:307.

<sup>5</sup> Town and church records.

<sup>6</sup> Green: *Groton Epitaphs*, 24.

Josiah Holden was a cordwainer. His name appears on the "alarm list" of the Concord company commanded by Major John Minot, 12 April, 1757.<sup>1</sup> He was appointed by David Phipps, sheriff of Middlesex County, one of his deputies, 16 Oct., 1767,<sup>2</sup> and 1771 he was defendant in a number of lawsuits, which went against him, causing in the following year certain parcels of real estate owned by him in Concord to be sold to satisfy the judgments. These legal troubles are supposed to have arisen from causes originating from his official position. Certainly his troubles did not commence until after his appointment as deputy sheriff.

In 1790 he was the head of a family consisting of himself and wife. Children, born at Concord:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 JOSIAH, born 22 Feb., 1743.
- 2 PARKER, born 22 April, 1745. He enlisted 12 May, 1761, and served until 5 Dec., 1761, in company commanded by Captain Silas Brown. He re-enlisted 22 March, and served until 26 Nov., 1762, in company commanded by Captain Jonathan Carver.<sup>4</sup>
- 3 HANNAH, born 29 Sept., 1748; died 12 March, 1754.
- 4 LUCY, born 24 Nov., 1754.
- 5 TILLY, born 15 Dec., 1758; died 1777, in the army. He enlisted 26 May, 1775, Captain Aaron Hayne's company, Brewer's regiment, and was described as of Concord, a minor. He was at Prospect Hill in October, 1775. Also given as enlisted 6 June, 1776, Captain Brown's company, Whitney's regiment, and served until 1 Nov., 1776, being stationed at Hull. He enlisted in the Continental line. 10 Dec., 1776, for three years, served in Marshall's regiment, which marched to Bennington from Boston. On roll of 7 Nov., 1777, is marked as "died."<sup>5</sup>

22J ENSIGN JONAS (*John, Justinian*), born 8 July, 1721, at Concord, living in January, 1794; married 28 Jan., 1752, at Sudbury, ABIGAIL KENDALL.<sup>6</sup>

Jonas Holden enlisted 10 March, 1748, and served as centinel in company commanded by Captain Phineas Stevens to 6 April, and then as sergeant in company commanded by Captain Eleazer Melven to 13 June.<sup>7</sup> He was a cordwainer, and is so described in deeds until 1773, when he appears as "gentleman". On 10 July, 1783, he granted to his son Jonas in consideration of £200, three tracts of land in Sudbury, with the buildings thereon, including half of his own dwelling house. In Jan., 1794, he mortgaged his whole estate in Sudbury, and this mortgage was discharged 5 April, 1805. His will was proved 9 March, 1803.

In 1790 his family consisted of himself and wife.

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 95:308.

<sup>2</sup> Town and church records.

<sup>3</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary rolls.

<sup>4</sup> Suffolk files, 148, 008, etc.

<sup>5</sup> Mass. Archives, 99:13, 245.

<sup>6</sup> Sudbury records.

<sup>7</sup> Archives, 92:116, 150.

Children,<sup>1</sup> born at Sudbury:

- 1-1 ABEL, born 2 Oct., 1752; died 3 Aug., 1818; married LOIS CUTLER;  
(2) THANKFUL CUTTING.
- 2-2 LEVI, born 12 Jan., 1754; died 19 April, 1823; married HANNAH  
PLYMPTON.
- 3-3 JONAS, born 31 Aug., 1756; died about 1847; married MOLLY  
THOMPSON.
- 4-4 ASA, born 10 May, 1762, died 3 Aug., 1854; married MARY.
- 5-5 JOEL, born 5 Dec., 1768, of "Ensign Jonas and Abigail;" married  
BETSY.

231 ISAAC (*Isaac, Justinian*), born 12 Nov., 1703, at Cambridge; died 1758 in the army; married 6 Oct., 1726, at Watertown,<sup>2</sup> ELIZABETH CUTTING, born 1 Dec., 1701, daughter of Zechariah and Elizabeth (Wellington) Cutting.<sup>2</sup> Both are named in the will of her grandfather Zechariah Cutting, proved 1732.

He "married again in the eastward country."<sup>3</sup>

Children:<sup>3</sup>

- 1-1 JOSEPH, born ———; married SALLY HOLDEN (232-1).
- 2 MOSES. Nothing further is known of him, and but for the fact that Isaac Holden, Sr., in his will of 1765 mentions the "heirs" of deceased son Isaac, his existence might be doubted. See 234-6.

Isaac Holden was a cordwainer. He lived in Watertown at the time of his marriage, and may have contemplated settling in Sudbury, as he bought a house and land there in 1726, giving back a mortgage for its full value. He reconveyed the property six months later, his wife Elizabeth releasing dower. In 1725 both he and his wife were admitted to the church at the East End, Watertown. On 30 May, 1734, he and wife Elizabeth join with William White and wife Sarah in selling two acres of meadow in Cambridge, and 23 Oct., 1738, he sells a mansion house and five acres land in Watertown, describing it as bounding on land of the widow Elizabeth Cutting, and a line lately made to divide the homestead into two shares.<sup>4</sup> As no wife appears in this conveyance, it is probable that she had lately died, and that it was about this time he removed to Kittery.

His name appears on a roll dated 26 May, 1756, of a company commanded by Captain Ichabod Goodwin, Preble's regiment, and again on a roll of the third company of militia of Kittery, commanded by Captain Samuel Newmarch, dated 12 April, 1757. He enlisted 2 May, 1758, in company commanded by Captain William Osgood, raised for the reduction of Canada. On the 8 July, 1758 his name has marked against it "died."<sup>5</sup> He was a resident of Kittery.

<sup>1</sup> Sudbury records.

<sup>2</sup> Watertown records.

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, apparently derived from "an ancient *Ms.*"

<sup>4</sup> Middlesex deeds 40:438; 41:125. He had recently purchased the homestead lot from Whitney and Warrin. He mortgaged this to his father, his brothers-in-law, and their wives, 28 Feb., 1736, describing it as his dwelling place. No wife appeared. *Ibid*, 39-94.

<sup>5</sup> Archives, 95:36; 96:236, 326.

Apparently after his death his child or children were cared for by their grandfather Holden, and became members of his family at Cambridge.

232 HENRY (*Isaac, Justinian*), born about 1705; died aged about 73;<sup>1</sup> married 14 Oct., 1756, SARAH FULLER of Cambridge.<sup>2</sup>

Henry Holden was chosen grand jurymen by Cambridge town meeting, for one year, 5 Mar., 1764.<sup>3</sup> On the 1 Dec., 1767, he had administration on the estate of Elizabeth Godden, widow, late of Watertown, and in Dec., 1768, presented his account as executor of will of Henry Godden, late of Watertown.<sup>4</sup>

"He acquired a considerable fortune, for those days, owned a part of his father's interest, and added more to it, and lived in a thriving state till about 50 years of age when he married."<sup>5</sup> He was a cordwainer.

Children:<sup>6</sup>

1 SARAH, born 13 Nov., 1757; married JOSEPH HOLDEN.<sup>7</sup>

2 ISAAC, died young, "to the great grief of his father." (2311).

3 ENOCH, bapt. 8 Dec., 1765.

234 JUSTINIAN (*Isaac, Justinian*), born 1715<sup>8</sup>; died "in the western war, about fifty years old,"<sup>9</sup> 1756; married 25 June, 1741, at Harvard,<sup>10</sup> RUTH (ROBBINS) Sawyer, who was of Harvard in 1759, widow of Moses Sawyer whom she married 16 May, 1739, at Littleton.

Children, born at Harvard:<sup>10</sup>

1 - 1 ISAAC, born 12 Feb. 1741-2; died about 1830; married ———.

2 HANNAH (Joanna<sup>11</sup>), married (intention at Petersham) 25 July, 1765, at Lancaster EPHRAIM ROBBINS.<sup>11</sup> She was of Harvard.

3 JEREMIAH, born 16 May, 1746.

4 RUTH, born 2 May, 1748; married 17 Aug., 1775, JOSEPH JONES of Bolton.<sup>11</sup>

5 LUCY, born 25 Sept., 1751; died 9 Dec., 1753.

6 MOSES, born 1755;<sup>12</sup> aged 18 in 1773, when he chose Aaron Jewett of Littleton his guardian. Not enumerated in the Census of 1790 as head of a family. He was a member of the company of minute men in Littleton, commanded by Captain Samuel Reed, which responded to the alarm of the 19 April, 1775. He enlisted 24 April in Captain Samuel Gilbert's company in Prescott's regiment. He transferred to the train of artillery, serving in Captain John Popkin's company, Gridley's regiment, 29 May, 1775, and was at Winter Hill August to December inclusive. He signed an order for a bounty coat or equivalent, 2 Jan., 1776.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> Middlesex Probate, 44:47.

<sup>7</sup> See deed Joseph Holden of Cambridge 1782, 81:207.

<sup>8</sup> Age as given on company descriptive list.

<sup>10</sup> Harvard records, quoted by R. W. Holden.

<sup>11</sup> Worcester County record of marriages.

<sup>13</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>2</sup> County Records.

<sup>5</sup> Relation of Abner Holden.

<sup>3</sup> General Sessions, files.

<sup>6</sup> Paige: *History of Cambridge*.

<sup>9</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, quoting "*Ancient Ms.*"

<sup>12</sup> Middlesex Probate records.



Justinian Holden was a land surveyor. He was early in Westminster (Narraganset No. 2), and improved two lots there, which in 1740 he sold to Joseph Miller.<sup>1</sup> He removed to Harvard and was licensed to keep an inn there, 1747-56. He enlisted 15 Sept., 1755, and served until the 14 December that year as a sergeant in company of Captain Daniel Fletcher, in the Crown Point expedition. He was also reported 25 Sept., 1755, as member of company commanded by Lt.-Colonel John Cummings, Colonel Josiah Browne's regiment. He enlisted 16 March, 1756, and served until 25 Sept., 1756, in Captain Thomas Hartwell's company, Colonel Jonathan Bagley's regiment, being described as of Harvard, private and company clerk, and reported "dead." On a roll dated 9 Aug., 1756, at Fort William Henry, he is described as sergeant, born in Cambridge, aged 39, resident of Harvard and a joiner, and that he volunteered from Captain Atherton's company, Colonel Wilder's regiment.<sup>2</sup>

There is a further record, which probably refers to this man, of service as corporal of a company commanded by Captain Jonathan Whitney which was sent into the woods 23-31 July, 1748, and which appears to have been a Worcester county company.<sup>2</sup>

His wife had administration on his estate 14 Dec., 1756, at Worcester. The inventory discloses surveyors' instruments, wages due from the Colony, and a negro slave.

262 STEPHEN (*Joseph, Justinian*), born 21 Oct., 1717, at Watertown; died 15 Sept., 1794,<sup>3</sup> at Westminster; married in the spring of 1751, ABIGAIL BEMIS, baptized 25 July, 1731, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Lawrence) Bemis. Philip Bemis removed from Cambridge to Westminster in 1738.

Children:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 SAMUEL, born 3 Jan., 1752; died 18 June, 1778, at Westminster; married 8 April, 1777, at Sudbury, SARAH HILL, who married, second, 21 Dec., 1780, ELI SMITH. Samuel Holden was a shoemaker.

Children:

1. Child, died 18 June, 1778.

2. Lucy, born 19 Oct., 1778.

- 2-2 STEPHEN, born 16 May, 1755; died 15 Nov., 1803; married ELIZABETH MILLER.

- 3 ABIGAIL, born 23 March, 1757; died 17 May, 1757.

- 4-4 ELIAS, born 28 May, 1758; died 4 Feb., 1838; married OLIVE SMITH.

- 5-5 LEVI, born 2 Dec., 1762; married HANNAH KNOWLES.

- 6 ELIZABETH, born 30 Oct., 1766; died 18 Nov., 1780.

Stephen Holden served as centinel in the same company and for

<sup>1</sup> Hayward: *History of Westminster*.

<sup>2</sup> Archives, 92:125; 94:71, 169, 517, 381; 95:50.

<sup>3</sup> Heywood: *History of Westminster*, also given by Abner Holden.

the same period as his brother Joseph, 24 June to 16 Oct., 1748.<sup>1</sup> He settled on the farm in late years known as the Cutter place, which came into the family through his grandmother Mary (Rutter) Holden, whose father was in King Philip's War.<sup>1</sup> He was less prominent in town affairs than his brothers, but was selectman, deputy to the General Court in 1788, and was delegate to the Convention for ratifying the United States Constitution the same year.<sup>2</sup>

The census of 1790 found at Westminster two heads of families named Stephen Holden, one with a family of self, one other male over sixteen and two females. The other, probably Stephen, Jr., with a family of self, three males under sixteen, and three females.

265 ABNER (*Joseph, Justinian*), born 2 Nov., 1722, at Watertown; died 22 Oct., 1805, at Westminster; married 25 Feb., 1752-3, at Westminster,<sup>3</sup> ELIZABETH DARBY, born 13 March, 1739, died 13 Nov., 1812, at Westminster, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Darby.<sup>4</sup>

Children, born at Westminster:<sup>5</sup>

- 1 JOSEPH, born 2 Aug., 1753; died 31 May, 1797, at Westminster, *s.p.*; married 18 March, 1779,<sup>3</sup> REBECCA HOAR, [who married (2) 1800 Captain William Brown of Fitchburg.<sup>3</sup>] He marched on the alarm of 19 April, 1775 in the company of Captain Nicholas Dike and served four days and a half at Cambridge. He was commissioned ensign 1 Jan., 1777, to date from 1 Dec., 1776, and quartermaster of Colonel Nicholas Dike's regiment raised for defence of Boston. He had acted as quartermaster as early as 28 November, and was in service at Dorchester Heights in March, 1777. See below for subsequent history, but in spite of no mention of after service it would appear he volunteered as a private in Jackson's company and marched on the Bennington Alarm of Aug., 1777, during which tour of duty he performed the duties of quartermaster, and appears on some rolls as Jabez Holden. Concerning him his father wrote:

"In further pursuing this history I shall trace my family down to the present day and shall in the course of proceedings consider them as they were born, beginning with Joseph my first born in whom perhaps I placed too great hopes of comfort and happiness. I gave him a tolerable degree of learning which assisted that natural ability which the God of Nature had given him, and as he increased in years he increased in learning and knowledge, and I think I may add with truth in influence among mankind as far as his acquaintance did extend, and he took an early part in the contest with Britain and espoused the cause of his country. Enlisted into the army and was a Quarter master under Col. Dike in a temporary regiment stationed at Dorchester in the year 1776; served his term out and enlisted again and was appointed an Ensign in one of the Cos. in said Regiment till said regiment was discharged; after his return he was seized with a slow bilious fever which brought him to the brink of the grave, but through Divine

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 92:145.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> Heywood: *History of Westminster*, also given by Abner Holden.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>5</sup> As given by Abner Holden, who wrote about 1800, with later dates in handwriting of one of his sons, and from the *Ms.* of F. A. Holden, who was in correspondence with members of the family, and from Westminster records.

Goodness he recovered to a tolerable state of health, but it greatly weakened his constitution. I then provided a farm and gave him, which was the purchase of his ancestors in the Narragansett war. He saw cause soon after to intermarry with a Rebecca Hoar, and soon was noticed by his fellow townsmen, and for fourteen years successively served in that and other important offices of the town to general satisfaction, till death ended his services and life together. He addressed the town at a March meeting, March 1797, in a written address from which the following is a copy:

*Gentlemen.* I must decline being considered in the ensuing election as a candidate for Town Clerk, wishing that the town would appoint another in my place. My state of health is such that I cannot attend the duty of the office. Having served you as a Town Clerk for fourteen years, and hope to your satisfaction, I must with gratitude take this opportunity of returning you my sincere thanks for your good wishes in promoting me from time to time. If my services have been serviceable to you, and have answered the public good, it will give me the highest satisfaction that I have done my duty and give me some degree of pleasure in my retired moments in this my declining state while the days of health are gone; but infirmities of health and disappointments of fortune are alike incident to all. Tho' today our hearts may be elated with gratification of every ambitious wish, tho' our cheek is blooming with health and vitality; yet before the setting of tomorrow's sun our heads may be laid low with pain and distress, and all the enjoyments of life changed into the bitterest afflictions.

Gentlemen I congratulate you on the arrival of the day of liberty which we have in the choice of our officers, wishing you may elect men of discernment and integrity to perform the public business.

I congratulate you also that harmony and peace is amongst us; and also the happy situation of the town with regard to our finances and the general increase of wealth and plenty amongst us. Wishing that the Great Governor of the world shall continue to use these great and inestimable blessings to the latest posterity, I am with the highest esteem

Yours

JOSEPH HOLDEN.

Thus ended the life of that young man in an early stage of life, not having completed the forty-fourth year of his age, leaving his widow in full possession of his estate during her continuing his widow, and left no children to mourn his loss."

- 2 RUTH, born 10 Dec., 1754; died 20 Oct., 1804, at Westminster;<sup>1</sup> married 30 June, 1772 (intention at Westminster<sup>1</sup>) JOSHUA FLETCHER of Grafton; (2) 10 April, 1776, at Westminster<sup>1</sup> JOHN WHITE, born 1 June, 1748, at Lexington, died 4 Oct., 1806, at Gardner, son of Joseph and Hannah White. He served in Captain Parker's company at the siege of Boston. They lived in Gardner.

"Ruth Holden my first daughter born Dec. ye 10<sup>th</sup>, 1754. She married in an early stage of life to one Joshua<sup>1</sup> Fletcher with whom she lived not six months and he died, after which she married again to one John White, by whom she had three children, who, all are now living except one."<sup>2</sup>

Children:

1. Elizabeth White, born 21 Sept., 1776; died at Reading; married 19 Feb., 1798, WILLIAM BICKFORD of Reading.
2. Abigail White, born 30 April, 1780; died 5 Feb., 1796 (*g.s.*) at Westminster.
3. John White, born 3 May, 1782; died at Gardner; married 30 Jan., 1804, PERSIS CONELL (Cowell ?).

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> "Oct. 20, 1804, departed this life the above named Ruth White; Oct. 4, 1806, there departed this life John White." (F. A. Holden *Mss.*) Further information has been obtained from a descendant (1922), who also supplied data concerning descendants of Elizabeth.

4. Mary White, born 17 Feb., 1784; married 24 March, 1806, JOHN PARKER.<sup>1</sup>
5. Augustine White, born 24 Feb., 1786; died 1880, at Augusta, Me.
6. Abner White, born 10 Dec., 1787; died in New Jersey, *s.p.*
7. Rebecca White, born 9 May, 1790; died 1815, at Trenton, N. Y., unmarried.
8. Lucy White, born 26 Oct., 1792; died March, 1880, at Stockbridge, Wis.; married SOLOMON PRENTISS, born 1780 at Sherborn, died 1854 at Stockbridge. He served in company commanded by Captain Benjamin Ballard, at siege of Boston. Among their children was Mary Parker Prentiss, born 2 April, 1819, at Trenton, N. Y., died 16 Oct., 1913, at Rome, N. Y., married 24 May, 1854, at Utica, Oswald Backus of Bridgeport, Conn., a graduate of Yale University, and had Oswald Prentiss Backus, born 10 Oct., 1855, now of Rome, N. Y., who married Frances Dudley Kinney and had Waldemus Draper Backus (wife of Robert Willard Holden, *q.v.*), Oswald P. Backus (Yale, 1908), and Sidney K. Backus (Dartmouth 1911).<sup>2</sup>
9. Abigail White, born 20 April, 1796.
- 3 ELIZABETH, born 17 Jan., 1757; died 5 Feb., 1844, at Westminster; married 25 Nov., 1773, at Westminster, EDMOND BARNARD, who died 1 Feb. 1804, at Westminster, aged 60 years.

"Elizabeth Holden, my second daughter, born Jan'y 17, 1757, who was also married in early life to Edward Barnard, by whom she had six children."

She married (2) 24 Jan., 1811, at Westminster, JEREMIAH BALLARD. Children born at Westminster:<sup>3</sup>

1. Elizabeth Barnard, born 22 June, 1776; died 8 Aug., 1776.
2. Hannah Barnard, born 30 Aug., 1777; died 6 Oct., 1778.
3. Hannah Barnard, born 21 Aug., 1780; died 5 June, 1803; *s.p.*; married 1 Jan., 1799, at Westminster, JOHN HOAR, JR.
4. Elizabeth Barnard, born 14 Jan., 1783; died 13 June, 1803 *s.p.*; married Oct., 1802,<sup>1</sup> EDWARD BACON.
5. Polly (Mary) Barnard, born 29 Dec., 1788; died 18 Feb., 1874; married MAJOR HORATIO GATES BUTTRICK, born 14 March, 1778, at Concord, son of Colonel John and Abigail (Jones) Buttrick. Removed to Clinton, N. Y.

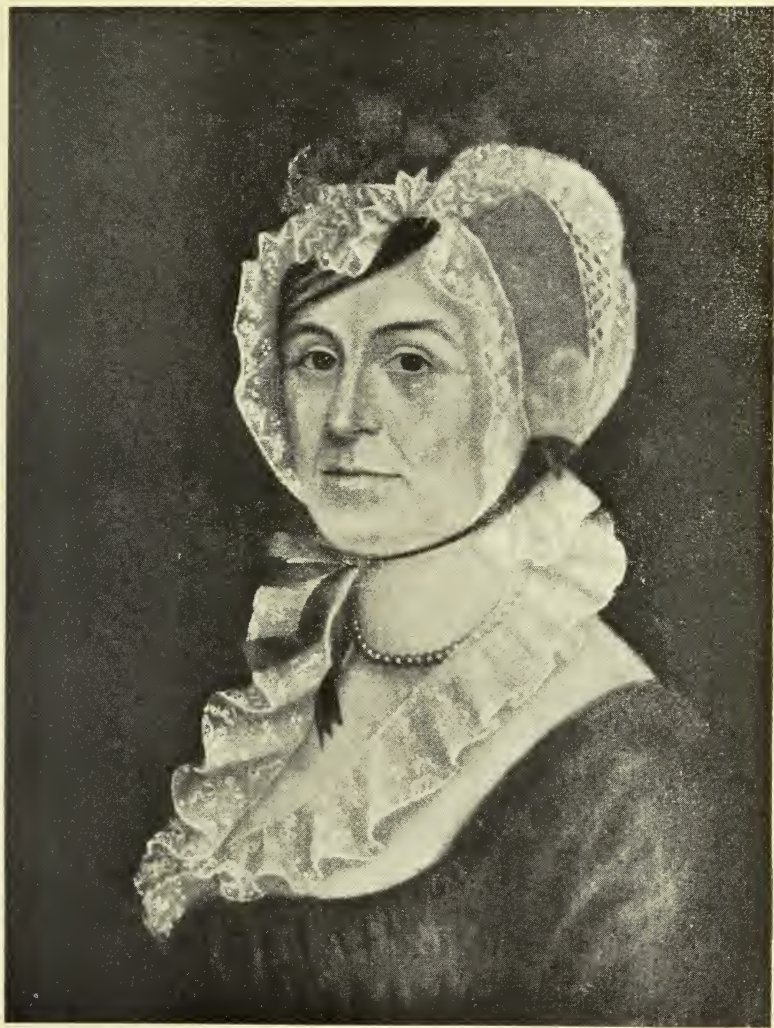
Their children were Edwin L. Buttrick (Hamilton College, 1842), a colonel in the Civil War, and Nancy Whitney Buttrick, who married Oren Root, LL.D., professor of mathematics at Hamilton College, and was mother of Oren Root, born 1838 at Syracuse, died 1907 at Clinton, N. Y., also a graduate of Hamilton and successor there to his father as professor of mathematics; of Edward Walstein Root, born 1841, died 1870 (Hamilton, 1862), and professor of chemistry and agriculture; and of Elihu Root, LL.D., born 15 Feb., 1845, at

<sup>1</sup> Her son Frederic Parker was in partnership with Davis White (son of Augustine), Nelson and Abner White (sons of John), as Parker, White & Co., chair manufacturers in Boston.

<sup>2</sup> Information of Oswald P. Backus, Esq., 1922.

<sup>3</sup> Town records.





ELIZABETH (HOLDEN) BARNARD  
Great Grandmother of Elihu Root



Clinton (Hamilton, 1864), Secretary of War and of State, United States Senator from New York; served also in many other important positions and especially as member of mission to the Hague to consider the formation of an International Court. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1912. For further information concerning these distinguished brothers see various biographical dictionaries.

6. Edmond Barnard, born 13 Nov., 1797; died 1782, in Philadelphia; married July, 1828, MARIA LOUISA SAMPSON.

- 4 RELIEF, born 18 Oct., 1758; died 25 May, 1776; married 29 April, 1776, at Westminster, THOMAS FARNSWORTH.

- 5 ABNER, born 29 June, 1760; died 19 Jan., 1824, *s.p.*; married 9 Feb., 1785, at Westminster, ELIZABETH HOWARD. He was a member of the company commanded by Capt. Nicholas Dike, which marched from Westminster on the Alarm of 19 April, 1775, and was credited with four and one half days service.

- 6 PHEBE, born 30 July, 1762; died 9 Feb., 1839, at Westminster; married 21 Nov., 1780, at Westminster, ABEL WOOD, Esq., born 27 Dec., 1755, at Sudbury, died 23 March, 1846, at Westminster, son of Deacon Nathan and Rebecca (Haynes) Wood. He was a cooper, farmer, justice of the peace, deputy to the General Court; a prominent man in town. He also taught singing and led the church choir.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

1. Ezra Wood, born 18 July (22 June), 1782; married CATY JACKSON.

2. Asaph Wood, born 14 May, 1784; married SUSAN HILL.

3. Abel Wood, born 4 April, 1786; died 1851; married 19 July, 1812, NANCY WISWALL.

4. Joseph Wood, born 25 Nov., 1788; married MARY W. DOTY.

5. Benjamin Franklin Wood, born 1 March, 1791; died 21 Jan. 1875; married 5 July, 1814, LUCINDA MERRIAM.

6. Phebe Wood, born 24 June, 1793; died 3 Feb., 1853; married WILLIAM HEYWOOD.

7. Betsey Wood, born 3 Dec., 1795; died 7 March, 1826; married 1825, JONAS MILLER.

8. Abraham Wood, born 16 Aug., 1798; died *s.p.*; married PATTY DOTY.

9. Myra Wood, born 7 Dec., 1800; died 5 Feb., 1831, in India; married 28 May, 1827, REV. DAVID O. ALLEN, a missionary.

- 7-7 EZRA, born 15 Dec., 1764; died 28 Nov., 1826; married SUSANNAH BIGELOW; (2) MRS. ELIZABETH (MAREAN) BRIGHAM; (3) MRS. DEBORAH (BIGELOW) HOAR.

- 8 ABIGAIL, born 25 April, 1767; died 18 Nov., 1848; married (intention 19 Sept.) 1785, NATHAN MERRIAM, baptized 29 April, 1764, died 15 Aug., 1794, at Westminster, son of Samuel and Anna (Whitney) Merriam; (2) 16 Aug., 1796, CAPTAIN JOEL WHITNEY, her brother-in-law.

<sup>1</sup> Marriages and deaths from R. W. Holden *Ms.*

Children, born at Westminster:<sup>1</sup>

1. Joel Merriam, born 21 Feb., 1786; died 18 Aug., 1867; married 31 March, 1808, Polly Farnsworth, who died in 1873 aged 84.
  2. Nathan Merriam, born 27 Nov., 1787; died 23 Oct., 1852; married 20 Oct., 1811, RUTH KEYES.
  3. Reuben Merriam, born 15 Aug., 1790; died 7 June (Jan.), 1808 unmarried.
  4. Asaph Merriam, born 20 March, 1792; died 19 Sept., 1868; married April, 1815, ANNA W. GIBSON; (2) LORENA DAVIS. Baptist clergyman at Bolton.
  5. Abigail Merriam, born 27 Jan., 1795; married 16 April, 1818, FARWELL COWEE.
  6. Cynthia Whitney, born 10 (12) Oct., 1797; died 7 April, 1891; married 21 Sept., 1826, EBENEZER JONES.
  7. Joseph Holden Whitney, born 27 Dec., 1799; died 9 Jan., 1872, at Phillipstown, Mass.; married 18 May, 1822, BETSEY PRATT.
  8. Horace Whitney, born 18 (26) April, 1802; married 28 April, 1829, MARY SAWIN.
  9. Elizabeth Barnard Whitney, born 27 May, 1804; died 17 April, 1887; married 6 Oct., 1825, TIMOTHY WEEKS.
  10. Theodore Whitney, born 2 April, 1807; married 4 Nov., 1835, BETSEY WHEELER.
  11. Relief Farnsworth Whitney, born 22 Feb., 1810; died 26 April, 1875, at Troy; married 21 Oct., 1835, at Troy, N. Y., WILLET G. TRIPP.
- 9 LUCY, born 25 Feb., 1770; died 1 Dec., 1791; married 29 Dec., 1790, at Westminster, CAPTAIN JOEL WHITNEY, born 13 Sept., 1765 died 15 April, 1857, at Gardner, son of Jonas and Sarah (Whittemore) Whitney.
- Child:
1. Lucy Whitney, born 1 Dec. (25 Nov.), 1791; died 18 Oct., 1821; married 28 Oct., 1813, JOSEPH BROWN of Westminster.

In 1790 Abner Holden was head of a family consisting of self, another male over sixteen and four females.

Abner Holden accompanied his father to Westminster, then known as Narragansett No. 2, in 1737, when he was but fifteen years of age. He described the place, as "a howling wilderness, where no man dwelt; the hideous yells of wolves, the shrieks of owls, the gobbling of turkeys, and the barking of foxes, was all the music we enjoyed; no friend to visit, no soul in the adjoining towns — all a dreary waste, exposed to a thousand difficulties." "As he grew in years he grew in favor with the townsmen, and was chosen to offices in the proprietary and afterward in the town; maintaining many of the first offices in town, and for many years was a justice of the peace, and discharged the duties of that office with promptness, and was faithful in all his undertakings. He was of a benevolent disposition, a

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*



lover of Christianity, but has now ceased from his labors, and no doubt is receiving the rewards of a well done, good and faithful servant."<sup>1</sup>

Abner Holden enlisted 15 April, 1748 and served until 16 October, as centinel in company commanded by Captain Hartwell, raised from Townsend, Lunenburg, Narragansett No. 2, and Leominster<sup>2</sup>

He was one of the original proprietors of Lancaster, N. H., but disposed of his right there in 1767 to David Page.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Obituary notice quoted by F. A. Holden.

<sup>2</sup> Archives, 92:145.

<sup>3</sup> Rockingham Deeds, 102:285.

## FOURTH GENERATION

1222 JAMES (*James, Justinian, Richard*), born 2 Aug., 1711, at Charlestown,<sup>1</sup> baptized 18 Nov., 1711, at Cambridge; died 1741 in the army; married 13 Jan., 1736-7, at Sutton,<sup>1</sup> SUSANNAH HALL, born 11 Jan., 1715, daughter of Deacon Percival and Jane (Willis) Hall of Sutton. She married, second, 13 March, 1743-4, at Sutton, Stephen Cummings, as his second wife, by whom she had two daughters, Susannah Cummings, born 14 April, 1746, at Sutton, and Olive Cummings, born 1 Dec., 1755, at Hardwick, who probably married 25 May, 1777, Joseph Mixter of Templeton. Susannah Cummings and her "daughters" are mentioned in the will of her mother, Mrs. Jane Hall, dated 5 Oct., 1756, proved at Worcester, 15 Nov., 1757.

Children:

- 1 - 1 JOHN, born 4 March, 1736-7, at Worcester, baptized Nov., 1740, at Sutton; died 9 Feb., 1818; married MARGERY AMIDOWN; (2) MRS. DOLLY ALDRICH.
- 2 EBENEZER, baptized Nov., 1740, at Sutton; died in infancy.
- 3 WILLIAM, born 24 Nov., 1739, baptized Nov., 1740, at Sutton; died prior to 1763 without issue.

James Holden bought 70 acres in Sutton of Deacon Percival Hall, 3 May, 1739, paying therefor £200.<sup>2</sup> Deacon Hall was one of the most important residents of Sutton. He died 25 Dec., 1752. Shortly after removing to Sutton, James Holden enlisted in the Spanish war, for the expedition against Carthage, and died in the service. Of the four companies from Massachusetts of about five hundred men, about half lost their lives in this ill-fated campaign.

Administration was granted on his estate to his widow, who gave bond with Zacheus Hall, her twin brother, and others, 3 Sept., 1741. The estate inventoried at £493, including 200 acres valued at £290. Of the debt of £211, there was due Deacon Hall £124. In an account rendered 12 May, 1743, is mention of a visit to Ipswich, 10 Dec., 1741, by Zacheus Hall. Guardianship of the two children, John and William, was granted to the widow. John petitioned 12 March, 1750-1, then being over fourteen years of age and living in Douglas, that Isaac Cummings of Douglas might be appointed his guardian.

1223 DANIEL (*James, Justinian, Richard*), born 7 Oct., 1713, at Worcester; died October, 1755, in the army or immediately after his

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> Worcester Deeds, 11:357.

discharge; married RACHEL RICHARDSON, baptized 26 May, 1717, daughter of Nathaniel and Abigail (Reed) Richardson of Leicester.<sup>1</sup>

Children named in grandfather's will, 1763, except Josiah:

- 1 - 1 JEDUTHAN, "eldest son," born 4 March, 1738-9, at Leicester;<sup>2</sup> died later than 1790; married HANNAH HAYWARD.
- 2 RACHEL, born 26 Jan., 1740-1, at Worcester. Perhaps the Rachel warned from Lunenburg, 8 May, 1764.
- 3 JOSIAH, born 23 Jan., 1743; at Worcester;<sup>2</sup> not living 1763.
- 4 - 4 DANIEL, born 1745; died 12 Jan., 1811; married JEMIMA TUCKER; (2) DOROTHY JOHNSON.
- 5 MARY (MARTHA), born 31 March, 1747, at Worcester.<sup>2</sup> Mary Holden and Nathaniel Parkhill, published at Leicester 2 March, were married 30 May, 1766, at Lunenburg.<sup>3</sup>
- 6 KATHERINE, born 30 July, 1749.
- 7 - 7 NATHAN (NATHANIEL), born 12 May, 1751, at Worcester;<sup>2</sup> died 25 June, 1806; married EXPERIENCE CLARK; (2) PRUDENCE ALDEN. Guardianship was granted to Thomas Newhall, Jr., of Worcester, innholder, 14 Feb., 1766.
- 8 - 8 JAMES (*posthumous*), born 15 Feb., 1756, at Leicester;<sup>2</sup> died 24 June, 1839; married EUNICE HINMAN. Guardianship was granted to William and Jockton Green, both of Leicester, 7 March, 1771.

Daniel Holden received from his father a gift of thirty acres in Worcester, bounded south by Blackstone River, otherwise by land of the grantor, Ephraim Rice and Thomas Adams, and by the road to Sutton. The deed was dated 21 Oct., 1736, and was doubtless on occasion of his expected marriage.

In 1743 he was living on the east side of the road to Sutton, in a house he built on land belonging to his father, and in October of that year he bargained with John Chandler, Esq., one of the principal proprietors and important men of the town, to purchase half the grist mill, water privilege, dam and twenty-four acres land adjoining, which Chandler had bought of Ephraim and Eleakim Rice, formerly held by John and Joshua Child. To secure the purchase he and his father gave to Chandler deeds to their land and Daniel's house. Chandler deeded the half interest in the mill property, 9 July, 1744, and the land held as security was released. Probably this venture did not prove so successful as anticipated, for a few years later Daniel sold his Worcester property and removed to Rutland, having obtained from the Proprietors of Rutland, 20 Nov., 1752, a deed to what was called the "schoolhouse lot," and there erected a house in which his widow dwelt 10 April, 1756, when she sold the house and fifty acres to Matthias Stone for £116.

Daniel Holden in early deeds is described as husbandman, and as mason in later deeds and in the settlement of his estate.

<sup>1</sup> *Richardson Memorial*, 516.

<sup>2</sup> Town records

<sup>3</sup> County records.

He enlisted in the army in 1755, and from 11 June to 28 October, 1755, appears as sergeant on the rolls of the company commanded by Captain Solomon Keyes in the campaign against Crown Point.<sup>1</sup> Administration was granted on his estate, his residence being given as New Rutland District, to Rachel Holden, 29 Nov., 1755. John Whitmore of Leicester was her surety. The inventory of the estate disclosed fifty acres with buildings, valued at £105, and small personal estate, with small debts to Thomas and James Holden.

1225 CAPTAIN JOSIAH (*James, Justinian, Richard*), born 24 July, 1721, at Worcester; died 2 Jan., 1777, at Barre (*g.s.* at Barre); married 17 Dec., 1747, at Worcester,<sup>2</sup> ABIGAIL BOND, born 9 April, 1722, died 2 Feb., 1777, aged 55 (*g.s.* at Barre), daughter of John and Ruth (Whitney) Bond.

There is an intention of marriage recorded at Lynn between Josiah Holden of Worcester and Jane Bancroft of Lynn 19 Feb., 1743-4. Children:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 - 1 BENJAMIN, born 9 Jan., 1748-9, at Worcester; died 20 Sept., 1785; married ABIGAIL BACON.
- 2 - 2 JAMES, born 9 June, 1750, at Worcester; died 12 Sept., 1827; married HANNAH BACON.
- 3 - 3 JOSIAH, born 30 Sept., 1751, at Worcester; died 29 June, 1829; married MARY FORBES.
- 4 - 4 MOSES, born 9 July, 1753, at Barre; died 2 Feb., 1831; married SARAH PERRY.
- 5 JOHN, born 17 Dec., 1755, at Barre; died 8 Sept., 1759 (*g.s.* at Barre).
- 6 - 6 NATHAN, born 2 March, 1758, at Barre; died 10 Sept., 1808; married ABIGAIL WHITING.
- 7 ABIGAIL, born 22 March, 1760, at Barre; died there 26 Aug., 1838, "aged 78";<sup>2</sup> married 22 May, 1783, at Barre,<sup>2</sup> AMOS WHITING, born 16 Nov., 1761, at Sherborn, died 1787, at Barre, son of Josiah and Abigail (Perry) Whiting.<sup>3</sup> She married (2) 17 July, 1788, at Barre,<sup>2</sup> ASA RICHARDSON.

Children:<sup>3</sup>

1. Josiah Whiting, born 1784; died 1790-1.

2. Amos Whiting, born 1786; died 5 Aug., 1843, at Barre;<sup>2</sup> married 1811, LYDIA STONE of Newton.

Josiah Holden was a housewright. He bought of Matthias Rice 35 acres, part of his home place, 8 May, 1745. James Holden gave him for his "settlement and advancement," 7 Sept., 1749, 47 acres in Rutland District bounding on land owned by his brother Thomas. He removed thither in 1752. He was commissioned in June, 1771, lieutenant in company commanded by Captain William Buckminster, 3d Worcester County regiment of militia,<sup>4</sup> Colonel John Murray. In 1775 he was constable of Barre, and later became captain of the

<sup>1</sup> Archives 94:101.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> *Whiting Genealogy*, 31.

<sup>4</sup> Archives 99:400.



local militia company and was recommissioned 5 April, 1776. His gravestone, which bears an inscription to "Captain Josiah Holden," and that of his wife, were restored by a descendant and are in the old cemetery at Barre Plains.

Administration on his estate was granted 4 March, 1777, to Benjamin and James Holden, sons. The inventory disclosed property valued at £1349, of which the real estate comprised £937. In the division of the estate the saw-mill and  $5\frac{1}{2}$  acres in the northerly corner of the farm was set off to Benjamin, who had already received £48, and to James was set off 68 acres in the southerly part of the farm, he also having had £48 of his portion. Moses received 68 acres in the northerly part of the farm, and Nathan 50 acres in Barre. The other children were paid sundry sums by James and Moses Holden to equalize their shares. On the 4 June, 1777, Josiah Whiting was granted guardianship of Nathan and Abigail Holden, "children of Captain Josiah Holden." From papers on file it appears that after the death of the parents Abigail Bacon (122-7) had been engaged as housekeeper.

1226 THOMAS (*James, Justinian, Richard*), born 26 Oct., 1723, at Worcester; died later than 1790; married 21 March, 1750, at Hardwick,<sup>1</sup> RUTH BAKER, born 14 Sept., 1726, daughter of Joseph and Esther (Harwood) Baker<sup>2</sup> of Marlboro.

Thomas Holden of Rutland, yeoman, and Ruth his wife, joined 4 Oct., 1756, with Esther Morse, widow, Benjamin Lee and Esther his wife, and Jeduthan Morse, all of Rutland, and Edward Baker of Petersham, Zerviah Johnson of Southborough, widow, Timothy Baker, Samuel Sherman, Solomon Bush and Submit his wife, and Sarah Morse, widow, all of Marlborough, in conveying for love and affection, to Rachel Green of Marlborough, a minor daughter of Rachel Morse of Marlborough, all right in estate of said Rachel Morse, spinster, deceased, and all right in estate of Samuel Morse of Marlborough, deceased, to which the said Rachel was heir, unless said Rachel Green die before attaining the age of twenty-one years.<sup>3</sup>

Thomas Holden and Ruth his wife and Esther Lee receipted, 12 April, 1751, to Edward and Timothy Baker, for what was due them under a deed of their grandfather Edward Baker to said Edward and Timothy.<sup>4</sup>

Children,<sup>5</sup> born at Barre:<sup>1</sup>

1 THOMAS, born 23 March, 1752; died 5 April, 1752.

2 LEVINAH, born 2 Sept., 1753; married 12 March, 1778, DAVID HAGAR.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> Worcester Deeds, 29:282.

<sup>2</sup> Paige: *History of Hardwick*.

<sup>3</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 57:264.

<sup>5</sup> The F. A. Holden *Ms.* gives date of birth of John as 1765, and adds Abraham, born 10 July, 1762, of whom no mention is elsewhere found as a son of Thomas. See Abraham of Loudon, N. H., and Leicester, Vt.

Children, born at Barre:<sup>1</sup>

1. Joseph Hagar, born 4 June, 1780.
  2. Moses Hagar, born 22 Feb., 1783.
  3. David Hagar, born 5 May, 1785.
  4. Polly Hagar, born 6 Feb., 1787.
  5. Rossell Hagar, born 9 May, 1789.
  6. Lucas Hagar, born 24 March, 1793.
- 3 - 3 AARON, born 23 June, 1755; married RACHEL RICHARDSON; (2) ANNA.
- 4 - 4 JOSEPH, twin with Aaron, died 5 Nov., 1833,<sup>2</sup> at Chester, Vt.; married  
MRS. JEMIMA (STEVENS) MARSH.
- 5 KEZIA, born 8 April, 1757.
- 6 THOMAS, born 17 April, 1759; killed 11 Nov., 1778,<sup>3</sup> at Cherry Valley, N. Y., at the time his brother Aaron was taken prisoner. He enlisted 21 Aug., 1777, in Captain Nye's company, Sparhawk's regiment, and the same day marched to re-enforce General Stark at Bennington. There proving no need of the services of this command, it was dismissed Aug. 25, having 96 miles travel home allowed. He again enlisted 26 Sept., 1777, in the same company and marched to re-enforce the Northern Army. He was discharged 18 October. The following 13 March he enlisted out of the Seventh Worcester County regiment and joined Captain Reed's company, Colonel Alden's regiment, which was stationed at Cherry Valley to protect that settlement from the British and Indians. On the 11 Nov., 1778, the garrison of 250 men were surprised, thirty killed, forty taken prisoners, who with many inhabitants were carried to Canada. Colonel Alden was slain in his quarters, but Major Whiting defended the fort, which Lieut. Aaron Holden vainly attempted to reach.
- 7 RUTH, born 12 May, 1761; married 24 Feb., 1787,<sup>1</sup> RUFUS RICHARDSON of Barre, born 21 Sept., 1760, son of David and Esther (Smith) Richardson.<sup>4</sup>
- 8 - 8 JOHN, born 13 Oct., 1763; died 11 Jan., 1845; married IRENA CARYL.

Thomas Holden had gift from his father of half the latter's farm in Barre, and settled there. He served in the French War as one of the detachment raised for the defence of New Rutland, which was commanded by his father, Sergeant James Holden, from April to October, 1747, his own service being for 7 weeks and 4 days. He was appointed sergeant in the company of Captain Caldwell which marched from New Rutland (Barre) 9 Aug., 1757, to Canterhook, 240 miles, on the alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry, and served 18 days. He had probably served the preceding year, as we find that Thomas Holden was carried on the rolls of Captain William Peabody's company, Colonel Plaisted's regiment, 11 Oct., 1756, as "sick at Albany." In October, 1761, he was second lieutenant of

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> The F. A. Holden *Ms.* gives date of birth of John as 1765, and adds Abraham, born 10 July, 1762, of whom no mention is elsewhere found as a son of Thomas. See Abraham of Loudon, N. H., and Leicester, Vt.

<sup>3</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>4</sup> *Richardson Memorial*, p. 729.

the local militia company, in 3d Worcester County regiment (Colonel John Murray).<sup>1</sup>

In 1776 Lieutenant Thomas Holden was chosen constable of Barre, and on 14 July, 1779, was chosen on Committee to enforce the Concord Resolves. A convention was held at Concord in July, 1779, to consider means to stabilize prices and prevent depreciation of the currency. He was one of the petitioners 30 Dec., 1776, for action on Lord Howe's proposals.<sup>2</sup>

He bought and sold land in Barre and Hubbardston, April and September, 1778, and in 1780. In later years he is styled "gentleman." The Census of 1790 enumerated at Barre, Thomas Holden head of a family, consisting of himself, two males under sixteen and one female. There is no record of his death or settlement of his estate.

1229 CAPTAIN AARON (*James, Justinian, Richard*), born 26 Jan., 1731-2, at Worcester;<sup>3</sup> died 30 Sept., 1802, at Barre;<sup>4</sup> married 20 April, 1758, at Barre (Rutland District), ANNA CLARK,<sup>3</sup> born 19 Aug., 1732, at Medfield, died 26 Nov., 1818, at Barre.<sup>4</sup>

Children, born at Barre:<sup>3</sup>

1 RACHEL, born 6 May, 1758; died 21 May, 1758.

2 ANNA, born 27 May, 1759; married 14 May, 1778, at Barre,<sup>3</sup> SIMEON RAWSON, born 1753, died April, 1835, at Schroon Lake, N. Y., whither he had removed in 1798 from Shrewsbury, Vt., son of Josiah and Hannah (Blass) Rawson. He was a tanner. He had sixty-five grandchildren.<sup>5</sup>  
Children:<sup>5</sup>

1. Polly Rawson, born 31 March, 1778; married LUMAN NELSON. They lived in Chester, N. Y.

2. Anna Rawson, born 13 Nov., 1779; died 1847, at Schroon, N. Y.; married JOHN BAKER.

3. Clark Rawson, born 9 March, 1781, at Orange; died 10 June, 1871; married 31 Aug., 1806, LAVERNIA POND.

4. Sally Rawson, born 21 Oct., 1782; died 6 Sept., 1839, at Schroon; married MICHAEL CODMAN.

5. Simeon Rawson, born 19 Aug., 1784; died 1869; married 14 Jan., 1814, at Schroon, POLLY NORTHROP. Lived at Schroon.

6. Lydia Rawson, born 9 July, 1786; married DOCTOR DEXTER.

7. Josiah Rawson, born 16 Aug., 1788; died 19 April, 1795.

8. Lucinda Rawson, born 7 Sept., 1792; died 28 Feb., 1861; married 17 Sept., 1814, at Schroon, ASHLY POND. Lived at Elizabethtown, N. Y.

9. Safford Rawson, born 9 Dec., 1794; married 28 May, 1828, CAROLINE BOYD. Lived at Leroy, N. Y.

10. Laura Rawson, born 16 Jan., 1797; died 9 Sept., 1847; married WILLIAM SPENCER. Lived at Lawrence, N. Y.

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 92:69; 95:445; 99:300.

<sup>2</sup> See *Barre Centennial*.

<sup>3</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> From family Bible of David Holden in 1908 in possession of Charles E. Holden of Proctor, Vt.

<sup>5</sup> Crane: *Rawson Family*, p. 49.

11. Amanda Rawson, born 4 Feb., 1800; married JEREMIAH LOCKWOOD of Schroon.
12. Josiah Holden Rawson, born 1 Nov., 1802; married 21 Aug., 1834, MARY FOWLER, who died 20 March, 1844, at Schroon. He removed to Earleville, Ill.
- 3 MARTHA, born 7 Oct., 1760; married 25 Oct., 1781, at Barre, ISAAC BULLARD, born 15 Jan., 1760, at Barre, son of Isaac and Lucy (Stevens) Bullard.<sup>1</sup> He lived in Orange and Barre, Mass., West Rush and Perry, N. Y., Charlestown and finally Columbus, Ind. (1821). He served in Holman's and Rufus Putnam's regiments in the Revolution, and was present at the battle of Harlem and White Plains, was in the Jersey campaign, and at the surrender of Burgoyne.<sup>2</sup> Children:
  1. Justus Bullard, born 27 Jan., 1784; died 4 Jan., 1826; married 9 Oct., 1807, CATHERINE ASHE. Lived in Philadelphia.
  2. Patty Bullard, born 10 March, 1786, at Orange, Mass.; married ELI WRIGHT. Lived in Hanover, N. Y.
  3. Mary Bullard, born 19 June, 1788, at Orange; married JEDEDIAH OLMSTEAD.
  4. Isaac Augustus Bullard, born 29 Oct., 1791; died 9 April, 1827; married 19 Dec., 1816, BETSEY BARLOW, born 5 August, 1797, at Luna, N. Y., died 28 Feb., 1828, daughter of Benjamin and Phebe (Dowd) Barlow. He was a tanner. Lived at Hartland and Ridgeway, N. Y.<sup>3</sup>
  5. Hannah Holden Bullard, baptized 3 Nov., 1799; married 2 Feb., 1818, ROBERT P. BABCOCK. Lived in Chemung, N. Y., 1824.
  6. Aaron Stevens Bullard, baptized 3 Nov., 1799; married MARY DOLPH. Removed to Indiana.
  7. Anna Bullard, born 1805; married LYMAN HARRINGTON. Lived near Vernon, Ind., in 1821.
- 4-4 DAVID, born 7 May, 1762; died 2 Oct., 1836; married HANNAH MASON.
- 5 HANNAH, born 11 Feb., 1764; said to have married JOEL STOCKWELL in 1789.<sup>4</sup>
- 6 REBECCA, born 19 March, 1766; died 23 March, 1835, at Barre, unmarried.
- 7-7 ELIJAH, born 4 Jan., 1768; married SARAH BROWN.
- 8 RACHEL, born 4 Dec., 1769; married 6 Jan., 1793, at Barre,<sup>5</sup> SAMUEL WILSON of Bethel.
- 9 SARAH, born 25 Jan., 1772.
- J-10 RUFUS,<sup>6</sup> born 28 March, 1774; died 3 Feb., 1842; married ANNA PARTRIDGE.
- 11 AARON, born 11 Aug., 1783; died at age of three years.

<sup>1</sup> Information of Albert Waring Hinman of Braddock, Penn., who married Grace Ellen Bullock, daughter of William Holden Bullock and granddaughter of Isaac Augustus Bullock.

<sup>2</sup> Crane: *Rawson Family*, p. 49.

<sup>3</sup> Archives, 187:257; 234:417; 238:80; 187; 189.

<sup>4</sup> This marriage is suggested rather than asserted, in list of children printed in the *Leominster Gazette*, 1908, unless it be the date alone which is queried. There was a Hannah Holden whose birth is given in family records as 21 Feb., 1771, who died 26 March, 1856, at Windsor, Vt., and who married 26 Nov., 1789, at place unknown, Joel Stowell, born 17 Nov., 1768, died 6 Feb., 1844, at Windsor, son of Jacob and Beulah (Livermore) Stowell. The latter were married in Douglas, Mass., lived in Uxbridge and about 1778 removed to Windsor. There are circumstances which seem to connect this Hannah with Cambridge. See note page 126.

<sup>5</sup> Rufus Holden wrote a letter under date of 13 Jan., 1820, which was quoted by A. W. Hinman to Mr. R. W. Holden, giving certain family information confirmatory to the above family record.



Aaron Holden enlisted 10 April, 1755, and served until 11 Dec., 1755, as centinel in company commanded by Captain Solomon Keyes (succeeded by Captain John Stebbins, 9 September), in the Crown Point expedition. In 1757 he was a member of the company commanded by Captain James Caldwell, Colonel Ruggles's regiment, and marched on the alarm of 9 August for the relief of Fort William Henry, as far as Canterhook. He was credited with 18 days service and 240 miles travel.<sup>1</sup>

Although his name is not found on any of the lists of those who marched on the alarm of the 19 April, 1775, nor of any organization until after the battle of Bunker Hill, yet he was in the service at that time and participated in the fight. It is a family tradition that the head of his sword was knocked off by a British bullet during the retreat from the Hill, and that he picked it up, and brought it away with him. This relic remained in the family for many years. The tradition is confirmed by a claim made by him against the state for loss of a sword at Bunker Hill, mentioned in the printed Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

He is named as sergeant of the main guard under Colonel Laommi Baldwin at Prospect Hill, 16 July, 1775, and in the following October appears on the muster roll of the company commanded by Captain Black in Brewer's regiment, where it appears he enlisted 20 April in that company. He was commissioned second lieutenant, 1 Jan., 1776, of company commanded by Captain Aaron Haynes, Whitcomb's regiment, and was in camp at Ticonderoga 27 Nov., 1776. On the 31 Dec., 1776, he was transferred to Captain Reid's company in Colonel Ichabod Alden's regiment, with rank of first lieutenant, commission to date from 14 Nov., 1776. He was with the regiment when it was ordered to Cherry Valley, N. Y., to protect the frontier from the raids by Indians and Tories, and was captured when the garrison was surprised and overpowered, 11 Nov., 1778, at which time many of the inhabitants and soldiers were massacred. He was taken to Canada and remained a prisoner of war until October or November, 1781, although he appears to have been released to visit his home, perhaps in 1780. He was reported entitled to promotion 9 Sept., 1780, and was commissioned captain 16 September in Lieut.-Colonel Brook's (7th) regiment.

Aaron Holden had a gift from his father of one-half the latter's farm in Barre, on which the father dwelt, 5 July, 1756. The remaining half had been deeded to Thomas. He purchased of Colonel John Murray about 152 acres, with buildings thereon, being lot 53 in New Rutland, 9 Dec., 1761.

On the 22 Oct., 1781, the Selectmen of Barre petitioned the General Court to take measures toward his release "now a prisoner of war in

<sup>1</sup>Archives, 187:257; 234:417; 238:80; 187; 189.

Canada." The 1 Nov., 1782, a resolve of the General Court directed a supply of cloth and other clothing to be delivered to Captain Aaron Holden, and ten days later he petitioned for payment of note given him for his services.

His grandson, Eli T. Holden, recorded his recollections of what his grandfather had told him of his army life and captivity. A copy of this statement appeared in the *Leominster Gazette* of 18 Sept., 1908, part of an article entitled "Captain Aaron Holden's Tardy Recognition," telling of the erection of a stone to his memory by his descendants William Holden of Leominster and Fred G. Holden of Boston. The memorial stands in the old Caldwell cemetery a mile and a half southeast of Barre village. The following is extracted from the above mentioned article:

Aaron Holden was a member of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati, and his original receipt reads as follows:

Boston, March 10, 1784.

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Captain Aaron Holden one month's pay to be appropriated to the establishment of a Fund agreeable to the institution of the Society of the Cincinnati.

Henry Jackson Treasurer  
Mass<sup>ts</sup> Society

This receipt was in the possession of a descendant, Rufus B. Holden, at Barre, in 1896.

He was one of the Minutemen, obligated to go at a minute's notice. At the time he was called to Bunker Hill his eight-years-old boy, Elijah, was sick and not expected to live. Before starting, he went into the room where his son lay and bade him good-bye, having his little squirrel gun in his hand.

He told me about the battle. He stated that he had a good many shots at the enemy, and took as good aim as he ever did when shooting squirrels. He did not know that he killed a man; but once, when he fired, the man he aimed at fell.

He said they were not permitted to fire till the enemy were so near they could see the whites of their eyes, and, when they did fire, the white stockings flew up as the men fell backward.

When on the retreat a ball struck his sword, or sidearm (he was a sergeant), so that about half the ball hit the scabbard and half the hilt of the sword, and jarred off the head, a brass eagle, which he picked up and carried home. He made application, with others, for payment for "my Loss on Bunker hill" which was allowed and paid.

Following is a copy of an order found now with the Revolutionary Records of the State:

To Henry Gardner Esq Tres Sir pleas To pay to the Barrer Here  
of John Mason the money the Court allowed me for my Loss on  
Bunker hill and his Receipt shall Be your Discharg from me.  
Watertown June y<sup>e</sup> 21 1776

Aaron Holden.

He was at Cherry Valley, N. Y., under Col. Ichabod Alden, at the time of the terrible Indian massacre, Nov. 11, 1778, and was captured by the Indians.

I do not know the particulars of the fight, but the American soldiers were terribly cut up, and grandfather ran into a building with the determination of defending himself till death. As he ran in, a shower of bullets came spattering after him, but did not hit him. He soon changed his mind and, clubbing (reversing) his gun, ran out and cried for quarter. A big Indian took him and claimed him as his own. I think he was a chief. I do not know that they took other prisoners, but think they did. You wonder why they took grandfather prisoner? Probably because a live prisoner would bring more than a scalp. The British paid \$8.00 for scalps.

The Indians with their prisoners started on the journey to Buffalo to sell the prisoners and scalps. They had a long, tedious journey and many rivers to ford, as there were no bridges. One time, when they were going through a river, grandfather was nearly swamped. The water was up to his waist, and he was carrying the camp kettle, which was a bad thing to carry, and he said to the old chief, "You'll lose Yankee." The Indian replied, "Take hold my blanket." So he made a grab and caught hold of his belt, which was better, and he was saved. He marched behind the old Indian, and he knew several of the scalps that were on his string, his late comrades', and one in particular, a red-haired scalp, his bunk mate's.

At one time they had gone three days without any kind of food; they came where there were some cattle, and it was not long before he was handed some roasted tripe. He did not know but that it had been rinsed, but nothing more, but it tasted as good as anything he ever ate. One time he had a biscuit. He did not want to eat it then, so he broke off the tip of a small tree, and stuck the biscuit on it, but when he wanted it, it was not there. He asked what became of it. The answer was, "Me don't know; hoss eat, s'pose." Finally they reached Buffalo and called on the commander of the British forces, when the Indian said, "We bring you some Bostonian meat — some dry, some green." So the British bought both dry and green.

Grandfather was taken to Montreal and kept there eighteen months in close confinement, then let out on parole and came home, but was never exchanged. I think he must have been at home when he was appointed Captain and, as he was not exchanged, he could not enter active service again.

1241 EBENEZER (*Ebenezer, Justinian, Richard*), born 1713, probably at or near Lebanon, Conn.; died 1780, at Granville, "aged 77"; married, second, SYBIL, born 1727, died 1754, "aged 27" buried at Granville.

Three generations of Ebenezers seem assured from the entries of burials at Granville, in Rev. James Cooley's record. He mentions officiating at the burial of Ebenezer Holden in 1780, who was aged "77" years at death, at the burial of Sybil Holden in 1754, aged 27 years at death, and at the burial of Ebenezer in 1790, aged 60 years, who is known to be the one who married Martha Holle, and undoubtedly son of Ebenezer and Sybil. The inference is that Mr. Cooley wrote 77 for 67, or perhaps the age should read 70 years. Ages at

death are liable to error in contemporary records, such as that of a visiting clergyman.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

1 - 1 EBENEZER, born 1730; died Nov., 1790; married MARTHA HOLLE.

By second marriage:

2 DARIUS (DERIAS), born 20 Feb., 1746, at Granville. Darius is not enumerated in the Census of 1790, and little more is known of him than that he enlisted 6 May, 1775, in company of Captain Lebbeus Ball, Colonel Timothy Danielson's regiment, and was in camp at Roxbury, Nov., 1775. He again enlisted 17 Aug., 1777, on the Bennington Alarm in company commanded by Captain William Cooley, Colonel John Mosley's Hampshire county regiment, and served until the 19 August. He was then living in Granville. In 1820 he was of West Chester or Poundridge, N. Y., and applied for a pension.

3 ADDOMIA (Adonijah), born 12 May, 1748. Adonijah Holden was one of the residents of Haverhill or vicinity in Grafton Co., N. H., who signed the boycott of Asa Porter 28 Jan., 1775. He enlisted for Piermont, the next town to Haverhill, 15 June, 1775, in Captain Timothy Bedell's company and was discharged 31 Dec., 1775.<sup>2</sup> No further trace of him.

4 ELIZABETH, born 5 Oct., 1751.

5 SYBIL, born 5 Dec., 1754.

1243 JABEZ (*Ebenezer, Justinian, Richard*), born 7 Sept., 1721, at Windham, Conn.; died 24 Feb., 1798, at Sandisfield, Mass., "in the 77th year of his age" (*g.s.* old Center cemetery, Sandisfield); married 3 Oct., 1751, at Oxford,<sup>3</sup> REBECCA "WARE" (WARD<sup>4</sup>), who died 1 July, 1782, at Sandisfield, "in the 66th year of her age" (*g.s.*), born 10 Dec., 1715, daughter of Eleazer and Deliverance (Trowbridge) Ward.<sup>4</sup> The will of Jabez Holden dated 10 Aug. 1791, was probated 5 July, 1798.

Children, born at Oxford, Mass.:<sup>5</sup>

1 ELIZABETH, born 14 March, 1753; married ——— HYDE.

Children:<sup>5</sup>

1. Jabez Hyde.

2. William Holden Hyde.

2 - 2 SAMUEL, born 10 Aug., 1755; married ABIGAIL AYRAULT.

3 WILLIAM, born 10 June, 1757; died 9 June, 1786, "aged 29" (*g.s.* at Sandisfield). He was a physician.

Jabez Holden was a physician. His descendants know nothing of his antecedents. Ebenezer Holden was of Bedford Plantation (now Granville) in 1745, and added to his original holding there, one of his

<sup>1</sup> Granville records.

<sup>2</sup> N. H. State Papers, 25:2, and Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>3</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*. See *Ward Family*, (1851), p. 21.

<sup>5</sup> Mentioned in Dr. Jabez Holden's will, and given land in Bethlehem. See letter of William B. Perry, Jr., of Lakeville, Conn., from whom the Sandisfield notes were obtained.



purchases being of Daniel Brown of Bedford in 1748. Four years prior to this, 29 Sept., 1744, Jabez Holden of Pomfret, Conn., bought a homestall in No. 3 of the Housatonic Townships, which later became Sandisfield.<sup>1</sup> He did not then settle there, but in March, 1752 bought 62 acres in Oxford, where he remained until at least 1760.<sup>2</sup> He was one of the proprietors of house lots in Sandisfield, between December, 1758 and 10 March, 1760, and his name appears among the subscribers to the Covenant of the Congregational Church at Sandisfield dated 14 Feb., 1756, but he signed at a later date. He was admitted to the church by letter from "Ashford" 13 Sept., 1761. Miss Larned fails to mention Dr. Holden in her history of Windham County.

He was enumerated in the Census of 1790 as of Sandisfield, having in his family two females. His son Samuel was head of another family in that town.

1631 BENJAMIN (*Joseph, Samuel, Richard*), born probably about 1718, baptized 21 May, 1721, at Reading church (now Wakefield); died 1790, at Framingham; married 24 Aug., 1743, at Reading,<sup>3</sup> ABIGAIL HOW, of Framingham, probably his cousin. She is perhaps that "wife of —— Holden of Stoneham," whose death is said to be recorded on the church records of South Reading in 1745-6. The birth of Abigail, daughter of Isaac and Lydia (Jackson) How, is found 28 Jan., 1725, at Framingham. He married, second, 9 July, 1751, at Framingham,<sup>3</sup> SARAH GALLOT, probably from Stoneham. She was admitted to the church in Framingham, June, 1752. The town was allowed 10 March, 1752, to "Caution Sarah, wife of Benjamin Holden, who came to reside in Framingham, June last."

#### Children:

- 1 Child, born 1744, perhaps in Stoneham or Woburn, probably died soon.
- 2 BENJAMIN, baptized 13 July, 1746, at Reading (now Wakefield church); died "aged four months, of fever," Nov., 1746.<sup>3</sup>
- 3-3 ISAAC, born 12 April, 1748; living 1790; married ISABELLA. Guardianship to Daniel Greene, 1765.

#### By second marriage:

- 4-4 BENJAMIN, born 29 Aug., 1752, at Framingham; died 20 April, 1822; married MRS. ELIZABETH BALLARD.
- 5-5 JOSEPH, born 1762-3, probably at Reading; not living 1790; married HANNAH NEWTON; (2) JENNY ATWOOD.
- 6 MARY, married 14 Jan., 1796, at Stoneham, JOHN HENRY CLAMROD, described as a "foreigner, residing in Stoneham," and as "a Prusion," who died 13 May, 1809, at Stoneham.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Hampden Deeds, Q:120.

<sup>2</sup> Worcester Deeds, 33:211, 213; 36:205; 45:108.

<sup>3</sup> Town records.

It does not appear from the records that Benjamin Holden possessed any real estate, nor is there any settlement of his estate. He lived in that part of Reading known as South Reading, now Wakefield, having previously lived in Woburn. In 1747 he settled in Framingham where he was enumerated in the Census of 1790, having then a family consisting of himself and two females. His migrations are traced in the court records. He and wife Abigail were cautioned by Woburn 10 July, 1744, and with wife Abigail and child were cautioned by Reading 11 Dec., 1744, having come from Woburn in October. He and wife Abigail and Naomi Holden (probably his mother) were cautioned by Framingham, 23 May, 1747, which seems to preclude the assumption that the Mrs. Holden who died in January, 1746, was his wife. His second wife was cautioned by Framingham in 1752; and in December, 1762, Benjamin, wife and two children, were cautioned by Reading, having recently come from Framingham. In March, 1764, the same family were cautioned by Stoneham, having recently come from Reading. He returned to Framingham. His name is found 26 April, 1757, among the names of those men in Framingham, between the ages of 16 and 60, who formed the Alarm List of the company commanded by Jeremiah Belknap.<sup>1</sup> The persistence with which he and his family were cautioned by the various towns in which he lived showed that he was not possessed of estate by inheritance in those places, and that probably it was not known in what town he was born, and that it was feared that he might become a charge on the town. These cautions are in nowise derogatory to the character of himself or family. He may have been a man of poor health as well as of few worldly goods.

1633 JOSEPH (*Joseph, Samuel, Richard*), born perhaps in Stoneham about 1725; died later than 1791, probably in Boxford or some nearby town; married 6 Feb., 1754, at Ipswich, MARY CANDAGE.

At the time of his marriage, according to his intention at Stoneham, 9 January, he was "resident in Stoneham." He was in need of help in 1773, and Stoneham voted to bring him and his family from Ipswich. Mr. W. F. Bucknam thinks he served in the Revolutionary Army. If so he may have been the Joseph Holden who served from 22 Oct. to 23 Nov., 1779, in Captain Joshua Walker's company, Colonel Samuel Denny's regiment, which was raised for three months and marched to Claverack to reinforce the Continental Army. He may have had other service. See unplaced military records. In 1791 he was living in Boxford, where his brother James had lived in 1783, as noted by Perley in "History of Boxford." "A cellar in the Ridges marks the site of his house."<sup>2</sup> He is not enumerated in the Census of 1790, as head of a family, in any Essex county town.

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 95:315.

<sup>2</sup> Perley: *Dwellings of Boxford*.

Joseph Holden was admitted to full communion with the church at Stoneham, 28 May, 1741.

Children, baptized at Linebrook parish church:

- 1 JAMES, baptized 12 Oct., 1755. JAMES HOLDEN<sup>1</sup> and ABIGAIL HOIT were married 12 Dec., 1776, at Ipswich. (South Church records.)
- 2 MOLLY, baptized 30 Sept., 1759.
- 3 JOSEPH, baptized 19 Dec., 1762; married SYBEL MORSE.<sup>2</sup>

1641 SAMUEL (*Samuel, Samuel, Richard*), born 2 (baptized 12) Oct., 1729,<sup>3</sup> at Stoneham; died 12 March, 1800;<sup>4</sup> aged 70 years, 5 months;<sup>3</sup> at Stoneham; married 6 June, 1757, at Stoneham, as "of Marblehead," MARTHA CALL, born 20<sup>4</sup> (9)<sup>3</sup> April, 1734, died 13 Dec., 1830, aged 96 years, 8 months,<sup>4</sup> variously called of Stoneham and of Woburn,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Sprague) Call.<sup>5</sup> He was received to full communion in Stoneham church, 15 Nov, 1744.

Children:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 MARTHA, born 27 May, 1759; died 13 April, 1791;<sup>5</sup> married 25 Dec., 1785, at Stoneham,<sup>3</sup> ADIN DIKE, who removed to Bethel, Vt. Children,<sup>5</sup> two died in infancy:

1. William Dike.

- 2 ABIGAIL, born 22 June, 1763; died 15 Jan., 1785;<sup>5</sup> married 10 March, 1784,<sup>5</sup> CALVIN DIKE, brother of Adin Dike above.<sup>6</sup> Child:

1. Jesse Dike, born 2 Jan., 1785, at Stoneham; died 21 April, 1860; married 24 Dec., 1804, at Stoneham, ELIZABETH WILLEY, born 19 Nov., 1786, died aged more than 90 years, daughter of Nathan and Priscilla (Hadley) Willey. "The last house in Stoneham, which stood partly in Woburn, was the Jesse Dike house, occupied by William Holden about 1800."<sup>7</sup>

- 3 SAMUEL, born 14 Aug., 1766 (baptized 17 Aug. at Marblehead); died 13 Nov., 1833, at Swanzey, N. H., *s.p.*; married 9 (8)<sup>8</sup> May, 1810, at Bernardston, RHODA SLATE (SLEAGHT),<sup>8</sup> born 15 Feb., 1771, died 1 Oct., 1839, daughter of William and Abigail Slate.<sup>5</sup> The historian of Swanzey states that Samuel Holden lived a time at Bernardston, whence he removed to Swanzey, where he was admitted to the Baptist Church in 1810, and became a lay preacher. In 1809 land under mortgage to Ebenezer Holden, being two parcels in Stoneham, was taken by execution. Both Samuel and Ebenezer were described as cordwainers.

4-4 WILLIAM, born 2 April, 1768 (baptized 10 April, at Marblehead);

<sup>1</sup> There is record of a James Holden who served as a marine on the frigate *Diane*, Capt. Samuel Nicholson, 10 Jan.-31 May, 1782. He has not been identified.

<sup>2</sup> W. F. Bucknam papers, where it is stated that Joseph and Sally had a son, Joseph, who married in 1819, Sally Crocker. See 16315-2.

<sup>3</sup> Stoneham records.

<sup>4</sup> Abiel Holden *Ms.*

<sup>5</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>6</sup> Information of Colonel Lyman Dike of Boston, born 24 Aug., 1821, one of the sons of Jesse Dike. Calvin and Jesse Dike, brothers, were from Woodstock, Vt., which explains the "warning" given Calvin Dike, prior to the birth of Jesse. The family enjoyed local prominence. Further details are to be found in F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>7</sup> *History of Middlesex County*, 2:484.

<sup>8</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

- died 14 March, 1853; married ELIZABETH BROWN; (2) ABIGAIL CONVERSE; (3) BETSY SIMONDS.
- 5 - 5 THOMAS, born 11 April, 1770 (baptized 15 April, at Marblehead); died 18 Dec., 1842; married POLLY MONROE.
- 6 ELIZABETH, born 22 May, 1772 (baptized 31 May, at Marblehead); married 16 Nov., 1797, at Stoneham, REUBEN DIKE at Woodstock, Vt.<sup>1</sup> They removed to Sterling, Vt., and later to Coventry,<sup>2</sup> Penn. Children:<sup>3</sup>
1. Asa Dike, born 10 Dec., 1799, at Woodstock; living March, 1875, at Richmond, Penn.; married 1 Jan., 1818, at Sterling, JANE EATON, born 29 March, 1798, at Johnson, Vt., died 26 April, 1869, at Richmond, where they had settled in 1861, having previously lived at Scott, N. Y., Troy, Sullivan and Covington, Penn.
  2. Sally (Martha) Dike, born 27 Oct., 1801; died 6 June, 1881, at Covington, Pa.; married 1816, ENOS CLEVELAND, son of Edward Cleveland.
  3. Son, born and died 1804.
  4. Betsey Dike, born 30 Aug., 1805, at Sterling; married 30 Aug., 1831, AARON CLEVELAND.
  5. Alice Dike, born 16 Nov., 1807; married 23 Jan., 1834, at Scott, N. Y., HENRY CLEVELAND, son of John Cleveland.
  6. Typhena Maria Louisa Dike, born 14 May, 1810.
  7. Lois Dike, born 12 Dec., 1812.
- 7 - 7 ASA, born 11 Dec., 1773; died 29 May, 1856; married SALLY MILLER; (2) MARY RICHARDSON; (3) NANCY WYMAN; (4) BETSEY GOULD; (5) MRS. LAWRENCE.
- 8 LOIS, born 22 Sept., 1775; married 16 Nov., 1797, at Stoneham, DANIEL HADLEY of Woburn.<sup>4</sup> Children, born at Woburn:<sup>4</sup>
1. Daniel Hadley, born 4 (11) Aug., 1799; married Sept., 1820, SALLY HADLEY. Lived in Woburn.
  2. Reuben Hadley, born 28 Oct., 1802; married 24 March, 1828, SARAH CHALLIS. Lived in Woburn.
  3. Lois Hadley, born 5 June, 1805.
  4. Stephen Hadley, born 7 May, 1807; died 15 Dec., 1809.
  5. Elizabeth Hadley, born 21 March, 1811.
  6. Stephen Hadley, born 30 Aug., 1814; married ANNA. Lived in Woburn.
- 9 EBENEZER, born 12 Feb., 1780; died 26 Aug., 1813,<sup>5</sup> unmarried. He was a cordwainer. By will dated 31 July, 1813, he gave to his mother Martha Holden 24 acres in Stoneham, during her life, which was part of the estate of his father. To brothers and sisters, Samuel, William, Thomas, Asa Holden, Elizabeth Dike, Lois Hadley, and nephews Jesse and William Dike. Brother Thomas Holden, executor.

<sup>1</sup> Stoneham records.<sup>2</sup> Asa Holden notes.<sup>3</sup> Abiel and F. A. Holden *Mss.* Descendants of Asa Dike may be found in *Whitney Family of Conn.*, vol. 2.<sup>4</sup> Woburn records, and Asa Holden's (16417) journal, where appear several pages of family records, including grandchildren of Lois. He copied some items from a book of his brother Ebenezer, which bore the date 9 April, 1796.<sup>5</sup> F. A. Holden *Mss.*



Concerning Samuel Holden, his son Asa wrote: "He moved from Stoneham to Marblehead when he was about twenty-five, where he married and had six children. After he had lived there about eight years he removed to Stoneham. About 1763 he had nervous fever. He died after being married 42 years, 9 months, 6 days. He had nine children. He belonged to the church in Stoneham about fifty years." His father wrote of Samuel: "Him the measles took at about fifteen months old (by) which means he was blind about the space of three months, after which his sight was restored him again, through the wonderful goodness of God."<sup>1</sup> His brother Benjamin was blind in his old age, as also was his cousin James. In 1784 Samuel was taxed for two polls, £8-6-8 real estate and 16sh. 4 pence personal. He sold 20 acres land in Stoneham, 21 June, 1786, for thirty pounds, which bounded on other land held by him. Administration on his estate was granted to his son Thomas, with will annexed, 8 May, 1800. The will, dated 28 Sept., 1785, gave his whole estate to his wife Martha during her life, then to be divided equally among his children. Son Samuel and grandson Jesse Dike were especially named. The inventory valued the home place and 42 acres, and 19 acres in three lots, at \$1123. There were debts of \$634.

Such values as these, for a farm capable of yielding a fair support for a small family, show the great contrast between those times and the present.

1645 JOHN (*Samuel, Samuel, Richard*), born 24 Oct., 1738, at Stoneham;<sup>2</sup> died 28 Feb., 1807, at Otisfield, Me.;<sup>3</sup> married 5 Dec., 1760 (intention 22 Nov. 1760),<sup>2</sup> at Stoneham, MARY KNIGHT, born 28 Feb., 1741-2, died 21 May, 1742, aged 100 years, 2 months, 9 days (*g.s.*),<sup>3</sup> daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Richardson) Knight.<sup>2</sup> Mr. and Mrs. Holden are buried on Meeting House Hill, Otisfield.<sup>3</sup> John Holden and his sister Dorcas were twins.

#### Children:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 - 1 JOHN, born 28 Dec., 1761, at Stoneham;<sup>5</sup> died 22 Dec., 1828; married SYBIL T. MOORS.
- 2 - 2 DANIEL, born 15 Oct., 1763, at Stoneham;<sup>5</sup> died 23 July, 1849; married ELIZABETH HILL.
- 3 MARY, born 9 Feb., 1765, at Stoneham;<sup>5</sup> died 20 Feb., 1810;<sup>6</sup> married 9 March, 1784, JAMES HILL of Reading, died 21 Feb., 1812, at Stoneham, son of Joseph and Lydia Hill.<sup>5</sup>  
Children, born at Stoneham:<sup>5</sup>
  1. Aaron Hill, born 26 Nov., 1787.
  2. Amos Hill, twin with Aaron.
  3. Daniel Hill, born 28 Feb., 1790.

<sup>1</sup> Asa Holden's journal.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> G. B. Holden *Mss.*

<sup>4</sup> Abiel Holden Papers.

<sup>5</sup> Stoneham records

<sup>6</sup> F. A. Holden *Mss.*, information probably obtained in part from G. B. Holden.

4. Elizabeth Hill, born 27 March, 1792.
5. John Hill, born 3 May, 1794; married REBECCA WILEY;<sup>1</sup> (2) LYDIA D.<sup>1</sup>
6. Joseph Hill, twin with John.
7. Lydia Hill, born 29 Sept., 1795.
8. Levi Hill, born 28 Oct., 1797.
9. Nancy Hill, born 27 Oct., 1799; married JOHN HOLBROOK.<sup>1</sup>
10. Asa Hill, born 15 Jan., 1802.
11. Francis Hill, born 2 Oct., 1805.
12. Luther Hill, born 3 Feb., 1808; married SARAH ATWELL STEVENS.<sup>1</sup>
13. Otis Hill, born 30 Jan., 1808.
14. Patty Hill, born (?Dec.), 1813.
- 4 SARAH, born 4 May, 1767, at Stoneham;<sup>2</sup> died 4 (or 14) Sept., 1840;<sup>3</sup> married 4 Aug., 1790, BENJAMIN FALKNER of Malden.<sup>3</sup> Children;<sup>3</sup> born at Malden:
  1. Sally Falkner, born 18 Aug., 1791.
  2. Lydia Falkner, born 11 Nov., 1792; married 30 May, 1812, JOHN GRAHAM.
  3. Elizabeth Falkner.
  4. Nancy Falkner, born 19 April, 1795; married 10 Oct., 1816, ASA WILSON.
  5. Benjamin Falkner, born 29 July, 1797.
  6. Sally Falkner, born 5 March, 1799; married 27 May, 1823, JOSEPH PIERPONT PERKINS, born 10 Dec., 1793, son of Jacob and Rebecca Perkins.
  7. David Falkner, born 24 March, 1802; married 7 Jan., 1827, MARY JOHNSON.
  8. Mary Falkner, born 22 Dec., 1804; married 14 May, 1823, DAVID P. SHEPARD.
  9. Aaron Falkner, born 14 April, 1808; married 6 Feb., 1840, HARRIET FERRELL.
- 5-5 JESSE, born 17 May, 1796, at Stoneham;<sup>2</sup> died 16 Jan., 1860; married SALLY DYER.
- 6-6 NATHAN, born 22 Aug., 1773, at Stoneham;<sup>2</sup> died 11 March, 1853; married ESTHER DAMON.
- 7-7 PETER, born 14 March, 1775; died 7 March, 1844; married HANNAH WATTS BRINTNAL.
- 8 NANCY, born 1780;<sup>3</sup> died 15 (14) April, 1817, aged 37 years;<sup>4</sup> married 30 Nov., 1797, at Malden,<sup>4</sup> ABNER BREEDEN of Malden.<sup>3</sup> Children,<sup>3</sup> born at Malden:<sup>4</sup>
  1. Nancy Breedon, born 7 June, 1798.
  2. Abner Breedon, born 7 Feb., 1800; died 17 Jan., 1804.
  3. Mary Breedon, born 1 June, 1802.
  4. Abner Breedon born 8 Sept., 1806.
  5. Lewis Breedon, born 28 Aug., 1810.
  6. Franklin Breedon, born 17 Dec., 1812.

<sup>1</sup> Bucknam Papers.<sup>2</sup> Stoneham records.<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Mss.*, information probably obtained in part from G. B. Holden.<sup>4</sup> Town records.

7. Harris Breeden, born 17 Aug., 1814.

8. Aaron Breeden, born 1 May, 1816.

9-9 EZRA, born 11 April, 1782; died 25 March, 1853; married PHEBE NICHOLS.

J-10 PHILO, married MARTHA REED.

11 Child, died in infancy.

12 Child, died in infancy.

Lieutenant John Holden in some of the several land conveyances to which he was a party is styled "gentleman," in others "tailor." He learned the tailor's trade, as did his sons John and Daniel, and probably pursued this calling until his removal to Otisfield. He lived for many years subsequent to the Revolution in Malden. In 1785 he sold the house and lands in Stoneham, which had been his father's. The Census of 1790 enumerated his family in Malden, consisting of self, two males under sixteen and two females. He is said to have removed to Otisfield in 1797 and also the year 1800 is given, the latter being the probable date, as he was first taxed there in 1801. He is said to have settled near Chambers' Corner, about half a mile south of the meeting-house on the hill, where in the little cemetery black slate stones mark his grave and that of his wife.<sup>1</sup> He was constable in Stoneham in 1782, and on the tax list of that year is assessed for one poll, £18 real estate, £1-1-0 personal.

He obtained his title of lieutenant during the Revolution, receiving his commission in 1779. His service record follows:

Member of the company of minute men commanded by Captain Samuel Sprague, which responded to the Alarm of 19 April, 1775. Enlisted in army 20 May, 1775, in a company commanded by Captain Sprague, in Colonel Loammi Baldwin's regiment (formerly Gerrish's), and was in camp at Chelsea in Oct. and 30 Dec., 1775. He reënlisted Dec., 1775, in company commanded by Captain Richard Dodge in Baldwin's (26th) regiment, and was a corporal prior to June, 1776. He was among those men who at the critical moment December, 1776, at Trenton, agreed to "tarry six weeks" beyond the end of their term of enlistment, which expired 31 Dec., 1776.

He was commissioned 6 April, 1779, as first lieutenant in company commanded by Captain Josiah Green, 2d Middlesex regiment militia (Colonel Jonathan Fox of Woburn), and as first lieutenant of company commanded by Captain William Green, 4th Middlesex regiment (Colonel Cyprian How). He served from 5 July to 1 Nov., 1780, in Rhode Island, and was encamped at Butt's Hill. There is a tradition in the family that his son John was his father's "waiter" during part of his service, but no record of the latter's enlistment has been found.

<sup>1</sup> G. B. Holden *Ms.*

The John Holden whose name appears as lieutenant on roll dated 11 July, 1783, is the 2d regiment (Lieut.-Colonel Ebenezer Sprout), is probably this John.

In the pension application of his widow, December, 1837, she then being of Raymond, the statement is made that John Holden served as a lieutenant in Captain Gage's company. This identifies him with the John Holden (Houlding) who was a lieutenant in company commanded by Captain Isaac Gage, in Lieut.-Colonel Joseph Webb's regiment, which marched 8 Oct., 1781, being a company detached from Colonel Dana's Middlesex regiment, to join the Continental Army near West Point, and which was dismissed 3 Dec., 1781.<sup>1</sup>

The family tradition of service of three years in the Revolution<sup>2</sup> is borne out by the above record. Mrs. Moses Spiller, a great granddaughter, remembered accompanying her mother to call on Mrs. Holden shortly before she died.

Filed with the pension papers of the widow of John Holden is a deposition of Thomas Hancock of Otisfield, dated 10 Dec., 1837, to the effect that his father, Lieutenant Joseph Hancock, lived in Wrentham during the Revolution, and removed to Otisfield, about three years prior to Lieutenant John Holden "who settled in the same neighborhood and who was recognized as a fellow soldier."

1865 CAPTAIN NATHANIEL (*Jonathan, John, Richard*), born 7 May, 1739, at Woburn; died 21 Jan., 1817, at Tyngsboro;<sup>3</sup> married MARY RICHARDSON, born 15 May, 1742, at Chelmsford, died 11 Aug., 1804, at Tyngsboro,<sup>3</sup> daughter of John and Esther Richardson.

Nathaniel Holden and Mary his wife, and John Coburn and Sarah his wife sell to William Adams of Chelmsford their interest in land set off as part of dower of Esther, wife of John Richardson, late of Chelmsford, said Mary and Sarah being children of said John.<sup>4</sup>

Children,<sup>5</sup> recorded at Dunstable:

1-1 JOHN, born 14 April, 1764; died 21 Jan., 1833; married SUSANNA THOMPSON.

2 ABIGAIL, born 18 Oct., 1765; died 19 Nov., 1778.

3 MARY, born 21 May, 1767; died 15 March, 1849, at Tyngsboro; married 16 Feb., 1790, at Tyngsboro,<sup>3</sup> OLIVER COBURN, JR., born 14 June, 1761, died 2 Oct., 1825, at Tyngsboro, aged 64,<sup>3</sup> son of Oliver and Lucy (Bowers) Coburn.

Children,<sup>6</sup> born at Tyngsboro:

1. Oliver Coburn, born 2 Feb., 1791; died 16 Nov., 1867, at West Salem, Wis.; married 4 Nov., 1820, MARY SMITH of Andover, N. H. Removed to Orono, Me.

2. Mary Coburn, born Nov., 1795; died 12 Dec., 1859, at Tyngsboro.

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> Austin Holden *M.s.*

<sup>4</sup> G. B. Holden *M.s.*

<sup>5</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 121:444.

<sup>6</sup> F. A. Holden *M.s.*



3. Joanna Coburn, born Oct., 1807; died 4 May, 1841, at Nashua, N. H.; married 31 Dec., 1831, OTIS NELSON CHASE.
4. Nathaniel Coburn, baptized 15 June, 1794.
5. Clarissa Coburn, baptized 6 June, 1802; married probably JAMES N. HADLEY, 30 Dec., 1827, at Tyngsboro.<sup>1</sup>
- 4 - 4 NATHANIEL, born 25 Jan., 1769; died 19 July, 1837; married REBECCA UPTON.
- 5 AMNE (Amy), born 31 March, 1771; died 11 Nov., 1859, at Tyngsboro; married 18 June, 1800, MARK WHITE, born 23 April, 1772, at Acton, died 4 Oct., 1828, at Tyngsboro, aged 56 (*g.s.*).  
Children,<sup>2</sup> born at Acton:
  1. Clarinda White, born 13 Feb., 1802; died 29 Dec., 1875, at Tyngsboro.
  2. Joanna White, born 18 Dec., 1803; died 19 March, 1872, at Tyngsboro; married 1 May, 1828, WILLARD HOWARD CUMMINGS of Tyngsboro.
  2. Samuel White, born 30 Jan., 1809; died 22 Sept., 1862; married Nov., 1837, LAURA BYAM of Chelmsford. They were killed by Indians in Minnesota, with all their children except Samuel Wilber White.
  4. Augusta White, born 29 Oct., 1812; died 5 April, 1847, at Tyngsboro; married 1 Dec., 1836, THOMAS HUNTER of Tyngsboro.
- 6 ANNE (Joanna), born 17 Sept., 1774; died 1842, at Antrim, N. H.; married 2 Jan., 1821, WILLIAM PRATT, born 1770 at Reading, died 6 May, 1845, at Antrim, *s.p.*
- 7 - 7 JONATHAN, born 27 March, 1778; died 27 Jan., 1860; married ELEANOR WELD.
- 8 - 8 SILAS, born 14 Dec., 1783; died 4 May, 1866; married MARY (POLLY) COBURN.

The following sketch of the life of Nathaniel Holden is found in the F. H. Holden *Ms.*, probably contributed by Dr. Austin Holden:

"Nathaniel Holden was born at Woburn,<sup>3</sup> 7 May, 1739, presumably in the house still standing on Maple Street, near Oakland Station. After his marriage he became a resident of that portion of Dunstable, known as the 'First Precinct' which was afterwards incorporated as the town of Tyngsborough. He purchased land there of Eleazer Farwell 30 March, 1765,<sup>4</sup> and subsequently became a large land holder, owning at one time all, or nearly all, the land on both sides of the stream named for him 'Holden's Brook' from the Merrimack River to and including 'Half-Moon Meadow' so-called. He built a house and blacksmith shop a few rods east of the pond at the foot of Moose Hill on land adjacent to what is now the property of Mr. John Robeson.

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> Dr. Austin Holden, writing from Cambridge, 3 Sept., 1889, states: "Tradition, as my grandmother tells me, assigns Woburn as the birthplace of my great grandfather, Nathaniel Holden. He certainly owned land there."

<sup>4</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 61:633.

He early became prominent in town affairs and was elected select-man in 1771, serving in that capacity for several years. He also filled the offices of town treasurer and assessor.

He took an active part in all parish matters and was a member of the parish committee.

The peaceful pursuits of rural life, however, were soon interrupted by matters of greater moment.

When after the assembling of the first Provincial Congress in 1774 it became apparent that a collision between the British forces and the American 'minute-men' was impending, Nathaniel Holden entered zealously into the preparations that were made at Dunstable to assist as far as possible in the cause of freedom. On the 1 Feb., 1775, he was appointed one of a committee of inspection of nine persons 'to carry into execution in the town of Dunstable the agreement and association of the late respected Continental Congress.'

The patriotic spirit of the people in the very commencement of the tremendous struggle is evinced by the following pledge, signed by Edward Butterfield, Nathaniel Holden and twenty-six others:

'We the subscribers taking into consideration the present difficulty do hereby voluntarily engage with each other in defence of our country Priveledges and Libertys for the space of six months from this date; that we will submit ourselves to the Laws equally the same as if they were in full force respecting our officers that now are or hereafter may be chosen in all Military Duty. — Dunstable, March 1st, 1775.'

When the British troops were on the march for Concord and men were hurrying from all directions to repel the enemy, Nathaniel Holden was among those who reached the scene of action. He was a lieutenant of the company commanded by Captain Leonard Butterfield.<sup>1</sup> As the excitement became intensified by the prospect of an immediate action a neighbor of Holden's became somewhat weak in the knees, and tremblingly enquired if they 'hadn't better go back.' 'Go back?' said Holden, eyeing the man for a moment. 'Go back? Yes, if you are afraid, go back,' he thundered indignantly. 'We want no cowards here.'

Nathaniel was lieutenant of the Dunstable company commissioned 27 May, 1775,<sup>1</sup> having been with the command since 24 April, 1775, of fifty men of which Ebenezer Bancroft was captain, and which participated in the memorable battle of Bunker Hill. Bancroft's company formed a part of the Massachusetts regiment under the command of Colonel Ebenezer Bridge. He was first lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain Zacheus Wright, Brook's regiment, from 27 Sept., 1776, and was at White Plains in October. He was discharged 16 Nov., 1776.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

The confidence reposed in Nathaniel Holden is indicated by the various responsible positions for which he was selected by his townsmen from time to time.

On the 4 March, 1776, he was chosen a member of the Committee of correspondence, and at a public meeting on the 11 Sept., 1777, he was appointed 'to procure and lay before ye court ye evidence yt might be had of ye Enimical disposition of any of this town that may be complained of that they may be proceeded with agreeable to an act of this state.' This action was occasioned by the presence in Dunstable of certain persons holding Tory principles whom the town was prompt to bring to account for their opposition to the common cause.

Nathaniel served faithfully in the War of the Revolution and, before its close, had been promoted to the rank of captain.

After the war he seems to have lived quietly at Tyngsborough and to have given his attention to his farms and his forge. Upon the death of his only brother, Joniathan, he succeeded to the bulk of the estate of his father in Stoneham and Woburn. This property he sold 10 Dec., 1801, to Jesse Convers and thus passed out of the possessions of the Holdens land which had been held by them for nearly a century and a half.

In 1799, Captain Holden built, with his son, Lieutenant Nathaniel Holden, Jr., the two-story house on the margin of Holden's Brook, on the old Nashua road. This structure is still standing and in some of the rooms may be seen evidence of the Captain's skill in ornamental carpentry. The old homestead is now occupied by Nathaniel's great-granddaughter, Miss Josephine Wilson.

Captain Holden seems to have held a high place in the estimation of the community in which he lived and to have been regarded as a man of good sense and sound judgment. When, as will happen in the most peaceable neighborhoods, any of the good people of Tyngsborough became involved in disputes or quarrels they were wont to appeal to Captain Holden to act as mediator. He was so successful in adjusting differences of this sort by his conciliatory methods and wise counsel that he was known as 'Holden the Peacemaker.' A glorious title! 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.'"

Nathaniel Holden's name appears on Dunstable town records in 1768, for more than twenty years. The first mention of him in the records was upon the occasion of his being chosen surveyor of highways, 1768; he also held this office in 1770, having been discharged from office of tithing man, to which he had been elected. Any one elected to office of tithing man, or constable, in those days, found it difficult to obtain a discharge unless for some good reason. Public office then sought the man, and he was expected to attend to the duties regardless of the burden it imposed upon him.

He was constable in 1774 and at a later period; he was also warden in 1774. He served as selectman from 1778 to 1782 and probably later.

He was lieutenant of the company of minute men commanded by Captain Leonard Butterfield, and responded to the alarm of 19 April, 1775. He enlisted 24 April, 1775, for eight months, and was commissioned Lieutenant in company commanded by Ebenezer Bancroft, Bridge's regiment, 27 May, 1775. A year later he appears as Lieutenant in Wright's company, Brook's regiment, being a regiment drafted from the Middlesex County militia, and was at White Plains, serving from 27 Sept., 1776, to 16 Nov., 1776.<sup>1</sup>

On the town records he is first styled Lieutenant in 1780, and Captain in 1782. He seems to have been especially prominent during the Revolutionary period and after his active service in the army was commissioned 1 July, 1781, as Lieutenant of the 5th (Dunstable) company, 7th Middlesex regiment.

Administration on his estate, upon petition of John his eldest son, was granted to Ebenezer Bancroft, Jr., Feb., 1817, to whom a release was given 5 Oct., 1819, by the heirs, *viz.*, Mary Coburn, Mark White for self and as attorney for Jonathan, Joanna, Silas, and Nathaniel Holden.<sup>2</sup>

1924 CALEB (*John, Stephen, Richard*), born 1 Feb., 1723-4, at Groton; died later than May, 1795, probably at Shelburne; married ABIGAIL, who was living in 1761.<sup>3</sup>

He married, second, 14 Sept., 1766, at Deerfield, MARY FARLEY,<sup>4</sup> who was warned by Deerfield Selectmen, 4 Sept., 1766, and described as "an inhabitant of Medford."

Children:

- 1 ABIGAIL, born 25 March, 1748, at Groton.<sup>4</sup>
- 2 SARAH, born 11 Jan., 1749-50, at Groton.<sup>4</sup>
- 3-3 JOHN, born Nov., 1752, at Shirley;<sup>4</sup> probably not living 1790; married ABIDAL.
- 4 CALEB, born 19 Jan., 1755, at Shirley;<sup>4</sup> died young.

By second marriage, probably born at Shelburne:

- 5-5 CALEB, born 13 July, 1767;<sup>5</sup> died 5 Oct., 1836; married ANNA LINDSEY.
- 6-6 ELIHU, born 1770; died 1843; married ABIGAIL.
- 7 DAVID, "settled in the Black river country, New York."<sup>6</sup>
- 8-8 JAMES, born 22 Sept., 1777;<sup>6</sup> died 2 Oct., 1863, (aged 86, *q.s.*) at Augusta, Ont.; married ESTHER CALL; (2) CYNTHIA TROOP.<sup>8</sup>
- 9-9 JONATHAN, born about 1786 at Shelburne;<sup>6</sup> married SALLY OWEN.
- J-10 SOLOMON, born 30 Aug., 1786; died 11 March, 1868; married AMY BEAMAN; (2) AMANDA M. ALLEN.

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex Probate, 17:25.

<sup>3</sup> Middlesex Deeds.

<sup>4</sup> Town records.

<sup>5</sup> Information of Mrs. Cynthia (Holden) Call, a daughter, 21 July, 1867.

<sup>6</sup> Family records and tradition, from Dr. W. H. Holden.

<sup>7</sup> *History of Leeds and Grenville, Ontario, Canada.*

<sup>8</sup> Mary Esther Sawyer, a granddaughter of James, married John Henry Holden, a grandson of Jonathan.



- 11 ? OBED Warden, born about 1786; married 30 Nov., 1809, at Charlemont, (intention at Colrain), SALLY FARNSWORTH<sup>1</sup> of Colrain. He bought land in Charlemont and Heath in 1821, and as of Buckland in 1817 sold 31 acres in Charlemont, reserving to Elihu Holden right to cross same.<sup>2</sup> There is no record in Massachusetts of settlement of his estate, and the statement that he "went to Saratoga County, N. Y."<sup>3</sup> is probably correct. He had three daughters.<sup>1</sup>

Children:

1. Dolly.<sup>1</sup>
2. ?Mary. There is a marriage record at Colrain of Mary Holden to NATHANIEL BASS, 28 April, 1823, but no evidence has been found concerning her parentage.
3. Daughter.

Caleb Holden lived in that part of Groton set off as Shirley, but in the warning by Deerfield Selectmen, 13 Dec., 1766 (?1765), he is described as "lately an inhabitant of Pepperell." In the record of a deed dated 13 Oct., 1760, in which he and wife Abigail join in conveying to Nehemiah Holden 58 acres in Shirley, with a small dwelling house on the property, he is described as of North No. 2, New Hampshire. It is quite possible that "New Hampshire" is a mistake for "Hampshire county" in which Colrain was known as Boston No. 2. North No. 2 was Westmoreland, N. H., which in 1752 was regranted by New Hampshire as Great Meadows. In 1769 he again appears as selling land in Shirley and again is described as of "No. 2, N. H.," but at that date he was undoubtedly a resident of Shelburne or Colrain. In 1773 he was a resident of Shelburne, which formerly was a part of Deerfield, for he that year obtained judgment against John Gilson of Sunderland for an unpaid note dated 1 Dec., 1769. In the same year judgment was had against him, as also in 1784 and 1794, in all of which proceedings he is called of Shelburne. The records of Westmoreland, and also the Provincial papers of New Hampshire concerning that township, are silent concerning the residence there of Caleb Holden.

In August, 1772, he was accused of having slain a deer, but the witness for the government, Timothy Farley, failed to appear, and the case was continued, only to be dropped as both he and all witnesses defaulted at the next term of the Court.

In June, 1773, on petition of Caleb Holden of Deerfield the General Court granted to the heirs of John Holden, land in or adjoining Colrain, as equivalent land for a grant to the soldiers who served under Colonel Tyng, of whom John, the father of Caleb, was one.<sup>3</sup> This petition and grant, even if no other evidence was available, estab-

<sup>1</sup> Letter to W. H. Holden from Mrs. Roxy Farnsworth Davenport, 1901. Sally Farnsworth may have had a sister Clara, wife of Samuel Holden of New York, and may have been sister to Abraham Farnsworth who married Dolly Holden, but the notes from the above mentioned letter are not clear. See 19245-5 and 19246-2.

<sup>2</sup> Berkshire Deeds, 46:377.

<sup>3</sup> Acts and Resolves, Chapter 56, 1773. The petition names his brothers and sisters.

lishes Caleb's place in the family. Four hundred acres were granted, but by reference to chapter 108 it appears that 237 acres were not then laid out, being withheld until further order of the General Court.

In Feb., 1786, Caleb Holden is described as of "North River, Hampshire County", when he conveyed to David Field 131 acres in Buckland, apparently as security, as in Jan., 1794, Samuel Field, executor of David, sued Caleb Holden on a note for £45 dated 11 Feb., 1786, the date of the deed. On the 11 May, 1787, described as of "the Gore of land, adjoining Shelburne and Colrain", he sold to Edward Giles of Charlemont all his interest in the grant of land by the General Court, June, 1773, to heirs of "my father John Holden;"<sup>1</sup> and Giles 4 Oct., 1795, conveyed this same interest to Elihu Holden of Buckland. This may have been after the death of Caleb, who was probably living in May, 1795, when his son Caleb is described as "Junior."

In 1790 Caleb Holden was enumerated at Shelburne as head of a family consisting of three males over sixteen years of age, three under sixteen, and one female. There is no settlement of his estate.

Family tradition, recorded by Dr. W. H. Holden, asserted that Caleb died in the Revolutionary period, leaving a family of seven orphans, who were adopted by relatives and friends in the neighborhood, at Ballston Spa and Galway, N. Y. It was also asserted that John was killed in the war and never married.

1925 AMOS (*John, Stephen, Richard*), born 16 June, 1726, at Groton; died 28 March, 1803,<sup>2</sup> at Shirley; married 6 Feb., 1750-1, at Groton,<sup>2</sup> PRUDENCE HOLDEN, born 26 April, 1730, at Groton, died 21 Nov., 1762,<sup>2</sup> at Shirley, daughter of Nathaniel (194) and Abigail (Stone) Holden. He married, second, 1763, SARAH BLOOD,<sup>3</sup> who died 1800.<sup>4</sup>

Amos Holden of Shirley, and Prudence his wife, Jabez Holden, Asa Holden of Groton, Jonathan Sawtell and Mary his wife, and Seth Walker and Abigail his wife, sell to Isaac Holden of Groton, yeoman, five out of seven shares in house, land, etc., set off to our mother Abigail Holden of Groton, deceased, it being her part of the estate of her husband Nathaniel Holden, 10 Nov., 1757.<sup>5</sup>

Children, born at Shirley:<sup>2</sup>

1-1 AMOS, born 21 Sept., 1752; died 16 April, 1806; married LYDIA SLOAN.

2 NATHANIEL, born 12 Jan., 1755; died 10 March, 1755 (*g.s.* at Shirley).

3 PRUDENCE, born 9 March, 1756; married DAVID SLOAN, born 1760.<sup>6</sup>

In 1790 they were of Lyndeborough, N. H., when they joined in

<sup>1</sup> Hampshire Deeds, 27:372.

<sup>2</sup> Town records. The birth of Amos is found on Groton records

<sup>3</sup> Statement of Joel M. Holden, 1858.

<sup>4</sup> Chandler: *History of Shirley*.

<sup>5</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 61:591.

<sup>6</sup> See his deposition under John Holden (19256). Also Middlesex Deeds, 108:449.

conveying their interest in her mother's estate in Lunenburg. He served in the army during the American Revolution.

- 4-4 ABEL, born 26 Sept., 1758; died April, 1797; married EMMA BLOOD; (2) ELIZABETH HENRY.

- 5 LYDIA, born 18 April, 1761; married MOSES SANDERSON. In 1792 were of Shrewsbury, Vt., when they sold their interest in her mother's estate in Shirley.<sup>1</sup>

By second marriage:

- 6-6 JOHN, born 21 May, 1765; died 1847; married SARAH SANDERSON; (2) PATIENCE SANDERSON.

- 7 SARAH, born 10 Sept., 1767; died 1849<sup>2</sup> (aged 81)<sup>3</sup> at Shirley; married (intention 8 Jan., 1792, at Shirley) NATHAN PIERCE of Putney, Vt.

- 8 EUNICE, born 12 Aug., 1770; died aged 44;<sup>3</sup> married 5 March, 1789, at Shirley,<sup>4</sup> FRANCIS HARRIS, JR., born 21 June, 1764, at Shirley, died there 16 Feb., 1837, son of Francis and Susanna Harris.<sup>2</sup>

Children, born at Shirley:<sup>2</sup>

1. Polly Harris, born 12 Dec., 1789.

2. Eunice Harris, born 2 March, 1792.

3. Susanna Harris, born 21 Sept., 1794.

4. Bradley Harris, born 24 June, 1797.

5. Francis Harris, born 23 May, 1801; died 21 May, 1860, at Shirley; married 18 Nov., 1833, at Shirley, ELIZABETH PAGE.

6. Sophia Harris, born 27 Sept. 1804.

- 9 ELIZABETH, born 23 Aug., 1772; living at age 86.<sup>3</sup> Unmarried in 1793.

- 10 MOSES, born 6 June, 1776; [died aged 22<sup>3</sup>]; married (intention 13 Nov., 1803, at Shirley) PRISCILLA STEARNS of Waltham.

- K-11 THOMAS, born 30 April, 1778; died aged 69;<sup>3</sup> married NANCY BRYANT; (2) SOPHIA BRYANT; (3) HANNAH BALDWIN; (4) MARY JEWETT.

- L-12 JOEL, born 13 March, 1780; died 4 Oct., 1821 (aged 21);<sup>3</sup> married ELIZA C. HOOKWAY.

- 13 SEWALL, born 19 Feb., 1782; died at sea.<sup>3</sup>

- 14 HANNAH, born 14 March, 1784; living at age 74;<sup>3</sup> married 1801 A. LOOMIS, who died in Canada; (2) P. ADAMS.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1. Sally Adams.

2. Serinda Adams, born 17 Jan., 1811; d.y.

3. Alanson Adams, born 30 Nov., 1812; removed to Vermont.

4. Chloe Adams, born 14 Feb., 1816; d.y.

5. Lucius Adams.

6. Lucas Adams, twin with Lucius.

7. John Adams, born April, 1824; died 1846 in Boston.

- 15 EMMA, born 23 March, 1786; died aged 61;<sup>3</sup> married 13 Feb., 1806, in Boston, SETH BLANCHARD, who became a Shaker, and deserted his wife; (2) B. WINCHESTER.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1. Louisa Blanchard, born 8 Dec., 1807; d.y.

2. Lucy Blanchard, twin with Louisa; d.y.

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 110:9.

<sup>2</sup> Statement of Joel Holden, Boston, 1858.

<sup>3</sup> Chandler: *History of Shirley*

<sup>4</sup> *Shirley Vital Records*.

3. Louisa B. Blanchard, born 15 Oct., 1810; married THOMAS HOLDEN (1925L.4).
  4. Jane Blanchard, born Nov., 1812. Became a Shakeress.
  5. ——— Winchester.
  6. ——— Winchester.
  7. ——— Winchester.
  8. ——— Winchester.
- 16 MOODY, born 5 Nov., 1789; died at sea.<sup>1</sup>

In the early autumn of 1746, the Duke d'Anville, in command of a French fleet, threatened Boston, and the militia from the country to the number of eight thousand men were summoned for the defence of the capital. The Groton company, commanded by Captain William Lawrence, responded, and in its ranks was Amos Holden.<sup>2</sup>

In the Groton company commanded by Captain Henry Haskell, Prescott's regiment, which responded to the Lexington Alarm, 19 April, 1775, were Amos Holden, and his son Amos. The elder man served seven days, but the younger enlisted in the army, as did his brothers Abel and John.<sup>3</sup>

As executor of the estate of John Holden, Amos sold, 10 April, 1759, 11 acres on the west side of Lancaster River, formerly laid out to Richard Holden, bounded north by Timothy Cooper, east by the river.<sup>4</sup>

On the 22 April, 1760, he joined with his brothers Caleb, David, Isaiah and Nehemiah, and his sisters and their husbands, in conveying 12 acres on the west side of the river.

In 1784, Amos Holden gave a promissory note to Nathaniel Hayward, which passed into the hands of Abraham Adams of Boston, who obtained judgment against the maker. In April, 1789, Amos Holden leased his farm in Shirley for three years to his son John, who had his own stock on the place. In Dec., 1790, Joseph Moors, Esq., of Groton, acting for Adams, replevined a cow, hog, etc., which proved to be the property of John Holden, who thereupon brought suit against Moors. The case was finally carried into the Supreme Court and decided in John Holden's favor, who produced ample testimony to prove his good faith in the premises; that he had purchased his animals from various parties, and paid taxes on the land. The case was not settled until 1793.<sup>5</sup>

His home was on the east side of the Townsend road, north of Mulpus Brook, and here, in the house which was standing till about 1856, sixteen of his eighteen children were born, all, it is said, in the same room. Amos Holden, Jr., 1 Oct., 1790, then of Mason, N. H., conveyed to his brother Abel his right in the land and house occu-

<sup>1</sup> Statement of Joel Holden, Boston, 1858.

<sup>2</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>3</sup> Suffolk files, 150,580, etc.

<sup>4</sup> Green: *Groton in the Indian Wars*, p. 152.

<sup>5</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 65 280.



pied by his father, but which was part of his mother's estate and was undivided between her heirs. Moses Holden succeeded to the ownership of the place. This was later the Amos Day farm.

In 1790 Amos was enumerated as the head of a family consisting of himself, one other male over sixteen, three males under sixteen and five females.

1926 ISAAH (*John, Stephen, Richard*), born 10 Aug., 1728, at Groton; died Nov., 1811, "aged 82 years," at Groton; married 23 Dec., 1762, at Groton<sup>1</sup> ELIZABETH (BETTY) SHED, widow of Samuel Shedd,<sup>2</sup> by whom she had no children.

In 1790 he was enumerated at Groton, having a family consisting of self, one other male over sixteen, and one female. There is no settlement of his estate. On 23 June, 1757, he conveyed to Amos Holden (his brother), of Shirley, 80 acres in Groton, with half the dwelling house and barn, and half of three acres near the house.<sup>3</sup>

Children, born at Groton:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 BETTY, born 23 Sept., 1763; baptized 26 Feb., 1764.
- 2 EDMUND, born 19 Oct., 1765; baptized 14 Oct., 1770. Probably the Edmund Holden, aged 16 years, 5 feet 2 inches in height, light complexion and hair, and dark eyes, on enlistment 20 March, 1781, for three years, to the credit of Groton. Edmund, son of Asa, was of the same age. Edmund Holden drafted by the State from the militia of Shirley, for defence of the Court at Worcester, 16 Jan., 1787, during Shays' Rebellion, may be this man.<sup>4</sup>
- 3 OLIVER, born 3 Dec., 1767; baptized 14 Oct., 1770; died Dec., 1822,<sup>4</sup> at Groton, unmarried. Joseph Morse of Groton was appointed his guardian 21 May, 1807.
- 4 JONATHAN, born 24 Oct., 1769; baptized 14 Oct., 1770.

1927 NEHEMIAH (*John, Stephen, Richard*), born 12 March, 1731, at Groton; died 1809, at Woburn<sup>5</sup> aged 80,<sup>5</sup> "at J. Buckman's"<sup>6</sup>; married ELIZABETH, who died Nov., 1803, aged 76.<sup>6</sup>

The Census of 1790 found him at Charlestown with self and one female composing his family.

Children, born at Shirley, except the eldest:

- 1 ELIZABETH MARY, born 1 Dec., 1758, at Louisburg, N. S.; died 3 March, 1813, at Thetford, Vt.; married 12 June, 1781, LEVI LAWRENCE, born 14 Aug., 1759, died 24 July, 1831, at Thetford, son of Jonathan and Esther (Shedd) Lawrence.<sup>8</sup> He was a deacon and lay preacher in the Baptist communion, and had served three years in the army during the Revolution.

<sup>1</sup> Groton town and church records.

<sup>2</sup> Bartlett: *Shedd Genealogy*, 1921.

<sup>3</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 56:120.

<sup>4</sup> James Parker's diary.

<sup>5</sup> Woburn records. No settlement of his estate. The Woburn record gives his name as Oliver. "Dead 1829" (F. A. Holden *Ms.*).

<sup>6</sup> Wyman: *Charlestown Estates*.

<sup>7</sup> Butler: *History of Groton*.

<sup>8</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*, quoting *Lawrence Genealogy*, page 74.

## Children:

1. Jonathan Lawrence, born 27 Feb., 1782; died 1803 at sea.
2. Levi Lawrence, born 15 June, 1784; died at St. Louis, Mo.
3. Elizabeth Lawrence, born 15 July, 1788; married CEPHAS STURDEVANT.
4. Nehemiah Holden Lawrence, born 23 Jan., 1791.
5. Thomas Lawrence, born 13 March, 1793; died 1828 in New York State.
6. David Lawrence, born 17 Sept., 1795; died 1840 at Collinsville, Ill.
7. Oliver Lawrence, born 4 Dec., 1797; of Collingsville.
8. Esther Lawrence, born 7 July, 1800; died young.
- 2-2 RICHARD STEVENS, born 14 April, 1761; died 31 Dec., 1831; married MARY GREENE; (2) ABIGAIL FARRINGTON.
- 3-3 NEHEMIAH, born 16 July, 1763; died 10 Jan., 1831; married LUCY A. CLOSSON; (2) ABIGAIL BASSETT.
- 4-4 OLIVER, born 18 Sept., 1765; died 4 Sept., 1844; married NANCY RAND.
- 5 MIRIAM WHITNEY, born 20 Jan., 1768; died 4 Aug., 1775 (*g.s.* at Shirley).
- 6-6 DANIEL, born 28 Oct., 1771; died 1854; married HANNAH GREEN; (2) ABIGAIL FOSTER.

Nehemiah Holden enlisted as centinel in company commanded by Captain Edward Hartwell, raised in Townsend, Lunenburg, Narragansett No. 2, and Leominster, 15 April, 1748, and served until October.<sup>1</sup>

Upon his father's death in 1754 by the latter's will, he came into possession of "about 100 acres" on the west side of the Squannacook River in Shirley. He purchased, 13 Oct., 1760, of his brother Caleb, who had part of his father's lands on the Squannacook, a small dwelling house and 58 acres on the north side of the road running from Lunenburg to Tarbell's Mills, between land of Nehemiah on the east and that of his brother Amos on the west. Nehemiah is described as "of Shirley, housewright." Six months earlier, 22 April, 1760, Nehemiah joined with other heirs of his father in conveying land on the west side of Lancaster River to Samuel Walker, and was described as of "the island of Cape Brittain."

How long Nehemiah Holden had lived at Cape Breton is not known, presumably he had gone thither in or about 1755, or the following year. The romantic story connected with his life there and his marriage, is told below, but must be accepted with a certain degree of hesitation. He was in Groton in the summer of 1760, and his brother Caleb having determined to try his luck on the frontier, Nehemiah bought his homestead, adjoining the land he had inherited, and settled there. Mrs. Charles K. Bolton in "Shirley Uplands and Intervales,"

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 92:145.

has taken some pains to locate correctly the home of Nehemiah Holden, and the birthplace of his son Oliver. She shows that the so-called Coronation Farm in Shirley, the former home of Amos Holden, is not the place on which Nehemiah lived, and has succeeded in finding, on the Caleb Holden farm which Nehemiah bought, a cellar hole, which she believes to be the site of the house in which Oliver Holden was born. A poplar tree marks the site. The location is in the northern part of Shirley on the Townsend Road, not far from the river, and was lately, if not now, owned by Mr. Jarvis.

Here Nehemiah Holden was living in 1788, although he had given a deed to the entire 160 acres to Samuel Walker in 1769, probably as security, for it was not acknowledged for some years and not recorded for some years later. He eventually removed to Charlestown, where his sons Oliver, Nehemiah and Richard were already settled, and bought a home in Bow Street. Nehemiah Holden and Elizabeth his wife were received into Groton church from Shirley, 18 Nov., 1776. They were dismissed to Pepperell 12 Aug., 1781, and 31 July, 1794, were dismissed to Charlestown. Wyman states he came to Charlestown in Feb., 1788, from Pepperell, and that in 1804 he conveyed to his son Nehemiah half his homestead, and mortgaged the other half to Oliver, who conveyed to Nehemiah, and the latter lived there.

There is a tradition among the descendants of Oliver Holden, and which is told with much detail in the F. A. Holden papers, concerning the marriage of Nehemiah Holden. This story is also told, with some of the more remarkable details omitted, in Mrs. Bolton's "Shirley Uplands," and appears in somewhat different form in the "History of Peterboro, N. H.," and Chandler's "History of Shirley." The tradition is that Nehemiah Holden married at Cape Breton a sister of "Colonel" Mitchel, who died at the hands of the Indian enemy, and in such manner that his sister died "of grief and fright," and thereupon Holden married "Elizabeth Mary Stevens, widow of Colonel Mitchell." The story goes on to relate that the lady was niece of the Earl of Carberry, and had eloped with a gardener on the estate, which of course does not agree very well with the fact that her husband is also represented as a colonel. There was no colonel of that name stationed at that time at Louisburg, nor is it believed that the other details of the story are correct. The more correct version would appear to be that given in the "History of Peterboro," which does to some degree agree with known facts. It is there said that Eleanor Mitchell, wife of Samuel Gordon, removed from Ireland to Cape Breton, and that her father was killed there, and all the family except herself, mother and brother, died of the smallpox; that they came to Boston, and that her mother married Nehemiah Holden.

On Shirley records may be found the following record:

Elenar Mitchell daughter of Lawrence and Elizabeth, born in Ireland, 9 April, 1747.

Francies Mitchell,<sup>1</sup> of Lawrence and Elizabeth, born in Ireland, 17 June, 1748.

The above mentioned Eleanor Mitchell married Samuel Gordon, a native of Ireland, who after living several years at Shirley, where he and his father Nathaniel had bought a farm, removed to Peterboro.

In 1772 Samuel Gordon of Bedford sued Nehemiah Holden in the Court of Common Pleas.

Elizabeth was the wife of Nehemiah Holden prior to December, 1758, and she was aged 76 years at death in 1803, therefore born about 1727, and could have been the mother of children born in 1747 and 1748. The eldest child of Samuel and Elenor Gordon was born in May, 1765. On the 10 Oct., 1764, Samuel Gordon, laborer, and Nathan Smith, both of Shirley, gave bond on appointment of Gordon as guardian for Francis Mitchell, described as a poor minor of Shirley, aged sixteen years on the 28 June last, having no estate, son of "Elizabeth Mitchell of Shirley." He was to be bound out. Why his mother should be described as Elizabeth Mitchell, if the wife of Nehemiah Holden, is not clear.

Chandler states that her name was Stephens, but is evidently not sure, as he enclosed the name in brackets. Boston records show the marriage of John Stevens and Eleanor Mitchell 2 Nov., 1710, by the Presbyterian minister.

Elnathan Holden, a grandson, wrote in 1877 that his grandmother's name was Elizabeth Mary Stevens, and gave the story of Nehemiah's marrying with "Col. Mitchell's widow, his own wife having died on learning of her brother's death."

Another grandson, Benjamin F. Holden of Thibodeaux, La., wrote 23 Aug., 1876:

"I remember when quite young reading a slip cut from a paper, I suppose preserved by my father, an obituary of Mrs. Elizabeth, consort of Nehemiah Holden, writing in high praise of her moral and intellectual worth, but do not (if I knew), remember her maiden name."

Chandler, the historian of Shirley stated:

"Mr. Holden was a carpenter; resided in Boston and Pepperell, Massachusetts; and at Peterboro', Hillsboro' Co., N. H. His three sons, viz: Richard, Oliver, and Daniel learned the same trade of their father, and worked with him on the United States Ship *Constellation*; built in Boston in 1797, at a cost of \$302,719, and which was so celebrated in the War of 1812 as the captor of many British vessels. His last days were spent in Shirley."

<sup>1</sup> See page 307.



192J DAVID (*John, Stephen, Richard*), born 16 Dec., 1738, at Groton; died 8 Aug. 1803, at Hollis, N. H.; married 13 July, 1761., SARAH HEMENWAY, born 31 Oct., 1739, died 7 April, 1830, daughter of Reverend Phineas Hemenway, pastor of the church at Townsend, a graduate of Harvard College, and Sarah (Stevens) Hemenway.

Children, born at Townsend and Hollis:<sup>1</sup>

1 DAVID, born 28 June, 1763; died 12 July, 1763.

2 SARAH, born 17 Dec., 1764; died 10 June, 1835; married 20 July, 1787, at Hollis, LIEUTENANT BENJAMIN CUMMINGS of Brookline, N. H., who had been previously married, born 25 Nov., 1757, died 8 March, 1804, son of Samuel Cummings.

Children,<sup>2</sup> born at Brookline, N. H.:

1. Sarah Cummings, born 7 June, 1787.

2. Samuel Cummings, born 9 Nov., 1788.

3. Thomas Cummings, born 18 Sept., 1790; married SALLY PROCTOR, daughter of Moses Proctor.

4. David Cummings, born 13 Oct., 1792; died 14 May, 1835.

5. Phineas Cummings, born 15 March, 1795; married 24 Feb., 1822, LUCINDA LOVEJOY.

6. Betsey Cummings, born 10 April, 1797; married 28 Jan., 1818, ABNER BILLS.

7. William Cummings, born 25 April, 1799; married 28 June, 1821, LUCY CLIFTON.

8. Hannah Cummings, born 28 June, 1801; married ——— STOVER.

3 BETSEY, born 18 Sept., 1766; died 16 Nov., 1842; married 3 June, 1787, DAVID HALE of Hollis, son of Colonel John and Elizabeth Hale.

Children:

1. David Hale.

2. Aaron Hale, married ——— DEAN.

3. Betsey Hale, died aged 6 months.

4. William Hale, married ——— NOYES.

5. Betsey Hale, married ——— UNDERWOOD.

6. Susan Hale, married ——— WHITE.

7. John Hale, married ——— MORRISON.

8. Sarah Hale, married ——— CONANT.

9. Nancy Hale.

10. Artemas Hale, married ——— WHEAT.

11. Luke Hale, married ——— MORRISON; (2) ——— COBURN.

12. Rebecca Hale, married ——— CHILDS.

4-4 DAVID W., born 31 July, 1768 (1769); died 13 Oct., 1823; married BRIDGET ATWELL.

5-5 PHINEAS HEMENWAY, born 8 May, 1772; died 29 Jan., 1856; married ELIZABETH JEWETT.

6 LAVINIA, born 30 June, 1774; died 17 Nov., 1836; married 13 March, 1800, ANDREW BUNTON, JR., of Pembroke, N. H., born 28 April, 1776, at Allenstown, N. H., died 14 Jan., 1832, at Goffstown, N. H.,

<sup>1</sup>F. A. Holden *Ms.* Information received from members of the family.

<sup>2</sup>R. W. Holden *Ms.*, quoting *Cummings Genealogy*.

son of Andrew Bunton, who was killed, 28 Oct., 1776, at battle of White Plains.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

1. Andrew Bunton, born 8 Dec., 1800; died 21 April, 1860; married Dec., 1821, BETSEY STEWART; (2) LETTICE McQUESTON.
  2. Lavinia Bunton, born 13 Aug., 1803; died 27 July, 1891; married 3 Aug., 1819, ROBERT RICHARDS. They removed to Torbolton, Ont., about 1827, and in 1868 to Bristol, Que., and was a widow in 1888, when she corresponded with F. A. Holden.
  3. David Augustus Bunton, born 18 Oct., 1805; died 10 July, 1890; married ELIZA JANE ADAMS.
  4. Sarah J. Bunton, born 27 Aug., 1807; died 12 April, 1885; married Dec., 1834, JOHN GILCHRIST of Goffstown.
  5. Jesse Bunton, born 27 March, 1810; died 2 Nov., 1880; married 15 Dec., 1839, at Quincy, ORISSA BEALS.
  6. Sylvanus Bunton, born 8 March, 1812, at Allenstown, N. H.; died 13 Aug., 1884, at Mt. Vernon, N. H.; married 17 Dec., 1846, at West Cambridge, CLARA CONANT; (2) 17 Dec., 1874, at Mt. Vernon, SARA JANE TREVITT. Dartmouth College, 1840, and Washington University, Baltimore. He was a surgeon in the Union Army, and after the war lived at Manchester, N. H.
  7. William Bunton, born 21 Feb., 1814; died 18 April, 1891; married 16 May, 1837, SARAH JANE TIRRELL.
- 7-7 ARTEMAS, born 13 Sept., 1776; died 8 Aug., 1863; married JERUSHA BROWN; (2) ANNE BOWERS.
- 8 SYLVANUS, born 3 April, 1779; died 5 Feb., 1811, lost at sea.
- 9-9 JOSHUA, born 3 April, 1781; died 17 Dec., 1852; married MARY A. MITCHEL.

David Holden of Townsend enlisted 12 April, 1755, served until 17 Dec., 1755, in company commanded by Captain Benjamin Ballard for the expedition against Crown Point. William Stevens is given as his master.

In an account of Colonel Oliver Wilder dated 8 April, 1757, his name appears on a list of those who are entitled to a bounty of \$10, because "heretofore in the service." His enlistment was for one year. He may have enlisted 29 March, 1757. John Stevens signed for his bounty. The only service credited to a David Holden in 1756 was from 1 Sept. to 1 Dec., 1756, but this man was impressed out of Colonel Leonard's regiment, suggesting residence in vicinity of Rehoboth. He was assigned to Colonel Benjamin Goldthwait's regiment, and marched to Albany. In October he was a member of the company commanded by Major James House.

David Holden of Groton enlisted 10 March (1760), and served until 2 Dec. (1760), as sergeant in company commanded by Captain

<sup>1</sup> Information in part from Mrs. Isadore F. Baxter, daughter of Jesse Bunton, and of Henry Bunton, son of Sylvanus, 1912.

Leonard Whiting. His travel home came to 90 miles allowance. Enlisted 11 May, 1761, from Townsend and served until 4 Dec., 1761, as sergeant in this same company.<sup>1</sup>

During the campaign of 1760 he kept a journal published under the following title:

"Journal kept by Sergeant David Holden of Groton, Mass., during the latter part of the French and Indian War, February 20–November 29, 1760. With Notes and an Introduction. By Samuel A. Green, M.D. Cambridge: John Wilson & son, University Press. 1899. 8 vo. pp. 30."

Dr. Green describes the journal and its owner as follows:

"David Holden, the writer, was the First Sergeant in Captain Leonard Whiting's company. His family, in both its branches, had suffered much from Indian warfare. His grandfather, Stephen Holden, with his "two biggest sons," one of them David's father, was taken by the Indians during the summer of 1697, and held in captivity for nearly two years: and his maternal grandfather was John Davis, who was killed by the Indians, in his own door-yard, on Oct. 25, 1704.

David was married to Sarah, daughter of the Reverend Phinehas and Sarah (Stevens) Hemenway. There is a tradition in the family that the first time he ever saw his wife was while drilling a squad of men at Groton for the campaign of 1760. After his return from the army he lived during some years at Townsend, where most of his children were born. At the outbreak of the Revolution his sympathies were with the Crown; and so strong was the feeling in his neighborhood at that period against the tories, that he was obliged to leave his home, when he took up his abode in Hollis, New Hampshire. His military service had laid the foundation for a loyalty to the King which did not swerve even at the cost of his personal popularity.

Captain Whiting, the commander of Sergeant Holden's company, was a native of Billerica, where he was born on March 27, 1734; but at the time of this campaign he was living at Westford. The company was recruited from Middlesex County, and the muster roll is still preserved among the Massachusetts Archives (XCVIII) at the State House, in the volume marked "Muster Rolls, 1760–1761." (VIII. 313–315.) During the Revolution Captain Whiting was a resident of Hollis, and he, too, was a tory. An account of his adventures with some patriotic women of the neighborhood is given in Caleb Butler's "History of Groton" (pages 336, 337).

Mr. Holden died at Hollis. He left a "Register" of his children, handsomely written by himself and framed, which is now in the possession of a grandson, William Bunton of Boston.

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 94:123, 125, 526; 95:73, 238, 239; 98:315; 99:122.

After the death of Sergeant David Holden, the Journal passed into the hands of a son, Phineas Hemenway Holden, who left it to a daughter Mary, wife of Dexter Greenwood, of Hollis, by whom it was given, perhaps twenty-five years ago, to her cousin Dr. Sylvanus Bunton (son of Andrew and Lavinia); and after Dr. Bunton's death the book came into the possession of his son, Henry Sylvanus Bunton, who now has given it to this Society.<sup>1</sup>

According to an advertisement in *The Boston Weekly News-Letter*, July 3, 1760, forty-one companies had been mustered into the service of the Province, during the campaign of 1760, up to July 1, either at Worcester by Commissary Anthony Wheelock, or at Springfield by Ensign Campbell, and then marched westward from those towns.

The Journal consists of 64 pages of a small blank-book; and 104 remaining pages are filled with the ordinary memoranda usually found in such a book and extending through a period of twelve years. From these entries it appears that Sergeant Holden was a farmer and a cooper; and occasionally he let his horse or his cart and oxen to some of his neighbors to do work.<sup>2</sup>

David Holden was a minor at the time of his father's death. Amos Lawrence of Groton was appointed his guardian. By his father's will Isaiah and David were to receive the homestead, and on the 22 April, 1760, David Holden of Groton, cooper, conveyed to Henry Farwell of Groton 70 acres in Groton where John Holden, late of Groton, deceased, last dwelt, one parcel on the westerly side of road leading by dwelling house, easterly by said road, southerly by Captain Samuel Tarbell, westerly by said Tarbell, northerly by Ebenezer Green, together with a dwelling house and barn standing on same; also another parcel bounded westerly by the river, southerly by the road leading to the bridge, easterly by said Tarbell's land, northerly by said Green. The other piece consists of orcharding on easterly side road leading by the dwelling house, bounded all round by a town way.<sup>3</sup>

He settled in Townsend either in 1760 or 1761, and the latter year bought a farm of 45 acres there of the estate of Rev. Phineas Hemenway, his father-in-law, 26 Aug., 1761. This same farm he sold 28 Oct., 1765 to Zachariah Emery of Townsend for £82, half what he had given for it.<sup>4</sup>

In 1790 he was enumerated at Hollis, head of a family consisting of self, two males under sixteen, and two females.

1931 STEPHEN (*Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 11 June, 1720, at Groton; died 22 Feb., 1791, at Shirley, in his seventy-first year

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Historical Society.

<sup>2</sup> Proceedings of Massachusetts Historical Society, Vol. IV, pages 384-385.

<sup>3</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 59:338.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, 64:208, 209.



(*g.s.*); married 11 March, 1739-40, at Boxford,<sup>1</sup> SARAH WHEELOCK of Lunenburg, died 4 Feb., 1810, at Shirley, aged 90 (*g.s.*).

Children, born at Groton and Shirley<sup>2</sup>:

- 1 SARAH, born 24 March, 1741-2, at Groton; died in Pepperell; married 1768 LEMUEL WOODS of Shirley, born 23 Sept., 1742, at Groton, son of Aaron and Sarah (Boynton) Woods.

Children,<sup>3</sup> born at Shirley:

1. Sarah Woods, born 16 Jan., 1769; died March, 1855, at Malone, N. Y.; married WILLIAM SABINE of Putney, Vt.
2. Hannah Woods, born 6 Oct., 1770; died at Worcester, Vt.; married ELIJAH WHITNEY of Putney.
3. Molly Woods, born 10 June, 1772; died 17 June, 1845, at Cambridge, Mass.; married 13 March, 1793, BENJAMIN WARREN; (2) 15 Oct., 1799, ELEAZER ROBBINS of Lancaster.
4. Stephen Woods, born 3 May, 1774; died 1 June, 1824; married 14 March, 1798, ASENATH SHEDD.
5. Lydia Woods, born 15 April, 1776; married JONAS PUSHEE; (2) JAMES MASTERS of Hinsdale, N. H.
6. Emma Woods, born 1778; died 1780.
7. Aaron Woods, died young.
8. Levi Woods, born 19 May, 178-; married BETSEY PRATT of Brattleboro, and lived at Chittenden, Vt.

- 2-2 FRANCIS, born 6 May, 1743, at Groton; died later than 1810; married ABIGAIL CLOSSON.

- 3-3 STEPHEN, born 16 March, 1744-5, at Groton; died 7 Oct., 1821; married MARTHA WASON.

- 4-4 CHARLES, born 17 July, 1747; living 1810; married DEBORAH CRAWFORD.

- 5-5 ZACHARIAH, born 3 April, 1750; died prior to 1791; his name nowhere appears in 1790 census; married REBECCA MARTIN.

- 6-6 SAWTEL, born 13 May, 1753; died Oct., 1840; married HANNAH COOK.

- 7 ANNA (Emme), born 15 April, 1761; married JOHN DAVIS who died 8 Feb., 1827, son of John and Hulda (Thayer) Davis. They removed to Westminster, Vt., but returned to Shirley, where they lived upon the farm, in the western part of the town, later the residence of Andrew Nelson Holden and of Sylvanus Holden, "a country retreat of much natural beauty, enlarged by the taste of Mr. Davis." He was in the Continental service three years.

Children:<sup>4</sup>

1. Emma Davis, born 6 Aug., 1781; married ROGER WHEELER.
2. John Davis, born 17 May, 1783; married SYLVIA EDGERTON.
3. Sally Davis, born 31 March, 1785; married AARON LYON.
4. Frederick Montgomery Davis, born 31 March, 1787; married MARTHA ——— of Deerfield, N. Y.
5. Rosalinda Davis, born 17 March, 1790; married HENRY ARCHER.
6. Zenus Davis, born 3 June, 1792; married MARTHA ROBY.

<sup>1</sup> Wheeler on Boxford records. Lunenburg records give the marriage as 21 March.

<sup>2</sup> Town records. All but the youngest are recorded at Groton.

<sup>3</sup> See *N. E. Hist. Geneal. Reg.*, 64:147.

<sup>4</sup> Chandler: *History of Shirley*.

7. Samuel Davis, born 20 Feb., 1794; married NANCY HARTWELL.
8. Berintha Davis, born 29 April, 1796; married CHAPMAN HINCKLEY WELDEN.
9. Chastina Davis, born 29 April, 1798; married ABIJAH SANDERSON.
10. Anna Davis, born 26 Feb., 1800; died 3 Dec., 1817.
11. Lucy Davis, born 23 Oct., 1801; died 3 Oct., 1802.
12. Hiram Davis, born 3 July, 1804; married NANCY SAWYER.
13. Calvin Davis, born 12 May, 1806; married SUSAN KELLOGG.

The first dwelling of Stephen Holden in Shirley was a log cabin; afterward a frame house was built a few rods north of Luke Holden's barn. He and Philemon, his brother, were among the petitioners for the organization of the town of Shirley.

Stephen Holden, Jr., called in the deed, "laborer, of Groton," received 17 Aug., 1741, from his father in consideration of love and affection conveying the northerly half part of a tract of land in Groton, on the west side Lancaster River, near a place called Beaver Pond, laid out to the right of Richard Holden, deceased, containing 108 acres. This deed was not recorded until 1757.<sup>1</sup>

He bought of Phineas Whitman, 25 Oct., 1763, 18 acres in Shirley, adjoining his own land. On the 17 June, 1773, in consideration of £200 he granted to his son Sawtell Holden fifty acres out of the above, bounded in part by land of Philemon Holden, but possession not to pass until after his death. This was acknowledged 15 June, 1778, and recorded 6 March, 1779.<sup>2</sup>

Stephen Holden was ensign under Captain Thomas Tarbell of Groton who lead a scouting party into the woods, 7-13 July, 1748. He had enlisted 24 June as Centinel in a company raised from Townsend, Lunenburg, Narragansett No. 2, and Leominster, commanded by Captain Edward Hartwell, and was carried on the rolls of this company to 24 Oct., 1748, when the tour of service ended.<sup>3</sup> These scouting parties were called upon to range the country to protect the frontier towns from the Indian enemy reported to be in the vicinity.

Stephen Holden was constable and sealer of leather, and at one time tax collector of Shirley. On 7 April, 1778, a resolve was passed by the General Court requiring him to deliver taxes in his hands. This matter was brought to the attention of the Legislature by a petition of the Assessors, 7 April, 1778, for leave to withdraw the tax for 1777 on account of a mistake. On the 29 May, John Avery *et als*, assessors of Shirley, memorialize the Court stating that Holden refused to obey the resolve, which led 5 June, 1778, to a resolve directing his arrest, and on 2 Oct., 1778, the General Court legalized the appointment of Sartell Holden (his son) of Shirley as tax collector.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 56:87.

<sup>2</sup> Massachusetts Archives, 92:145, 156.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid* 80:122.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, 217:443, 444; 219:14-22, 357.

He is habitually styled "Old Stephen" in James Parker's diary, who notes his death on the twenty-second and funeral the 24 Feb., 1791. On a call for men to be drafted in July, 1777, Parker notes the drafting of "Old Stephen" 15 Aug., but many of these men did not go into the army, presumably furnishing substitutes when the call to active service came. He was among those drafted 21 June, 1779, for nine months service in the Continental Army, but again many of those drafted did not go. The age limit was sixty years.

In 1790 he was enumerated at Shirley, head of a family consisting of self, one other male over sixteen, two under sixteen, and two females.

His will dated 3 Feb., 1791, was presented 16 March and proved 19 April, 1791. To wife Sarah he gave all his personal estate except a legacy to grand-daughter Molly Woods, and his real estate for her life or during widowhood, with remainder to son-in-law John Davis.

The cash legacies were bequeathed to sons Francis Holden and Stephen Holden; to grandson Zachariah, son of Zachariah, deceased, when of age, and to other children of son Zachariah; to sons Charles Holden and Sawtell Holden; and to daughters Sarah, wife of Lemuel Woods, and Emme, wife of John Davis.

Inventory of personal estate, 20 April, 1791, £154-6-6.

1934 PHILEMON (*Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 28 Feb., 1725, at Groton, Mass.; died 19 June, 1810, buried 22 Jan.,<sup>1</sup> at Shirley, "aged 86" (*g.s.*); married 10 June, 1750-1, at Groton, LUCY WALKER, buried as "Graney Holden"<sup>2</sup> 25 Nov., 1809<sup>3</sup> (noted as 24 Nov., 1800)<sup>1</sup>.

Children, recorded on Shirley records, except the eldest:

1 - 1 LEMUEL, born 27 June, 1751, at Groton<sup>4</sup>; married LUCY BARTLETT.

2 LUCY, born 27 March, 1753; published at Shirely 27 Nov., 1775, to JONAS PAGE,<sup>3</sup> born 2 Sept., 1750, at Shirley, died 26 Jan., 1822, at Shirley, son of Simon and Hannah, (Gilson) Page. He responded to the Lexington Alarm, 19 April, 1775.

Children:<sup>3</sup>

1. Lucy Page, born 28 Feb., 1777; married 7 April, 1801, MOSES CHAPLIN.

2. Jonas Page, born 2 Feb., 1778; died 29 Sept., 1824, at Shirley; married 24 May, 1808, at Shirley, EUNICE WAIT.

3. Peter Page, born 5 March, 1779; died young.

4. Philemon Page, born 28 Dec., 1780; died 1846.

5. Betsey Page, born 7 Dec., 1781; died 31 Jan., 1809; married 6 Feb., 1802, JOHN IVORY.

6. Asa Page, born 25 Feb., 1783.

7. Dennis Holden Page, born 27 March, 1784; died 4 May, 1851, at Shirley; married 11 July, 1807, SARAH JANNERSON.

<sup>1</sup> James Parker's diary.

<sup>2</sup> Record of Mrs. C. K. Bolton in *Vital Records*.

<sup>3</sup> Chandler: *History of Shirley*, whence the entire record of this family appears to have been taken.

<sup>4</sup> Town records.

8. Maria Page, born 10 Aug., 1785; died young.
9. James Page, born 11 Nov., 1786; died 13 April, 1849; married REBECCA WHITNEY.
10. Maria Page, born 21 Jan., 1788; died 26 March, 1853; married DAVID SILL.
11. Eleanor Page, born 12 Dec., 1790; died 11 Oct., 1866, at Groton, unmarried.
12. Peter Page, born 3 April, 1792; died 1794.
13. Celinda Page, born 21 May, 1793; died 23 Oct., 1845; married 12 Dec., 1812, MOSES KEZER.
14. Edy Holden Page, born 21 Sept., 1794; died 10 June, 1826; married 1823, ABRAHAM STONE.
15. Hannah Page, born 1 May, 1796; died 30 Aug., 1806.
16. Lydia Whitney Page, born 27 Feb., 1798; died 26 March, 1853; married 8 Jan., 1828, ABRAHAM STONE.
- 3 EDE, born 10 June, 1755; married (intention 27 Aug., 1774) BENJAMIN FARWELL, son of Oliger and Rejoice (Preston) Farwell. They removed to Chesterfield, N. H., where she married again.
- 4 PHILEMON, born 1 April, 1757; died 4 Feb., 1761 (*g.s.*).
- 5 DANNICE, born 2 Jan., 1760; married ELIZA. James Parker in his diary notes that Dennis Holden was "raised for two months" 29 Jan., 1776, but there is no record of his service.
- 6-6 PHILEMON, born 24 May, 1762; died Oct., 1804; married HULDAH DAVIS.
- 7-7 PHINEHAS, born 6 April, 1764; died Sept., 1836; married POLLY CRAIG; (2) SUKEY GREEN.
- 8-8 SYLVANUS, born 17 March, 1766; died 5 April, 1743; married POLLY BATHRICK.
- 9 PHEBE, born 16 Aug., 1768; married 18 Feb., 1798, at Shirley, JOHN WARREN, born 18 Nov., 1774, son of Jonathan and Joanna (Bartlett) Warren.  
Children:
  1. Betsey Warren, born 11 Sept., 1798.
  2. Cymantah, born 28 July, 1800.
  3. John Warren, born 29 April, 1802.
  4. Joanna Warren, born 30 Nov., 1803.
- 10 ELEANOR, born 23 July, 1770; died 23 Jan., 1771.<sup>1</sup>
- 11 ELEANOR, born 10 May, 1773; died at Brimfield; married 16 Dec., 1805, at Shirley, THOMAS GASS (Goss) of Groton.

Philemon Holden in the census of 1790 was the head of a family of self, another male over sixteen, one under sixteen, and three females.

Philemon Holden received from his father, 5 Sept., 1748, a deed to 64 acres in Groton, on which was a small house. This was to be part of his share in his father's estate and was to be appraised at 74 ounces silver in the settlement. Here he settled on his marriage. It was in what was then the southwesterly part of Groton, later set off as Shirley. Luke Holden, a great-grandson, later possessed this farm.

<sup>1</sup> Shirley Vital Records.



1937 LIEUTENANT SIMON HOLDEN, (*Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 1731 at Groton; died later than 1790; married about 1752, SARAH<sup>1</sup> who died 27 Jan., 1777, aged 46 years, 4 months, 6 days (*g.s.*).

He married, second, (intention at Shirley, 4 May, 1780), LOIS (LAMSON) KEZER, of Pepperell, widow of Moses Kezer, a considerable landowner in Groton and Shirley, who died 7 May, 1778, and whose second wife she was.

Children, born at Shirley:

- 1 ABRAHAM, born May, 1753; died 18 April, 1754 at Shirley. A slate monument bears this inscription: "This stone is erected in memory of the first burial in this yard, Abraham Holden, son of Lieut. Simon Holden and Sarah his wife, who died April 18, 1754, aged 11 months."
- 2 HANNAH, born 20 Jan., 1755; married (intention 29 June, 1776, at Shirley) SIMEON HARRINGTON, born 8 July, 1750. He lived in the north part of Shirley, on the farm lately owned by William Neat. He marched to Cambridge 19 April, 1775, and enlisted 15 July, 1775, for eight months in the company of Captain Robert Longley. Those married during the war were exempt from military duty for one year.<sup>2</sup>
- 3 - 3 SIMON,<sup>2</sup> born 22 May, 1757; died 22 July, 1826; married (1) MARY PIERCE; (2) LYDIA PAGE.
- 4 SUSANNAH, born 8 July, 1759; baptized 21 March, 1764, at Shirley; married (intention 17 Feb., 1782, at Shirley) ISAAC FOSTER of Lunenburg.
- 5 - 5 ABRAHAM, born 25 June, 1761; baptized 21 March, 1764.
- 6 HEZEKIAH, born 5 May, 1764; died 27 July, 1767 (drowned).
- 7 MIRIAM, born 23 July, 1766; married (intention 18 Jan., 1781, at Shirley) JONATHAN FOSTER of Mason, N. H.  
Children:<sup>2</sup>
  1. Jonathan Foster, born 5 Aug., 1782, at Shirley.
  2. Miriam Foster, born 12 June, 1785, at Shirley.
- 8 SARAH, born 3 Nov., 1769; married 5 Feb., 1789 at Shirley, EPHRAIM GILMORE of Walpole.
- 9 - 9 JAMES, born 19 Feb., 1772; died Sept., 1815; married PERSIS RAY.
- 10 JEMIMA, born 8 May, 1774; probably died unmarried.

Simon Holden served in company commanded by Captain Humphrey Hobbs, 7 March to 10 Dec., 1748, as centinel. He received travel allowance for 80 miles "for soldiers returning from western frontiers, after being dismissed."<sup>3</sup> In spite of his years he was commissioned second lieutenant of the Shirley company, 6th Middlesex militia, 24 April, 1776. James Parker noted in his diary that "old Simon Holden" made a draft from the local company, and that on 23 Dec., 1776, he marched off his band of soldiers.

<sup>1</sup> "I have recently been informed by an intelligent correspondent that her surname was Brown, that she was born 21 Sept., 1730; died 27 Jan., 1777." (*F. A. Holden.*)

<sup>2</sup> Chandler: *History of Shirley*

<sup>3</sup> Archives, 92:155, 190a; 93:15.

His father conveyed to him "for love and affection," 13 Mar., 1752, four parcels of land in what is now Shirley, near the Squanicook River and hill of that name, which in the settlement of his estate was to be valued at 150 ounces of silver. He added to this grant by purchase in 1760 and 1762, about 120 acres, from which he sold 60 acres in 1778 and 80 acres in 1788. His wife joins in the latter conveyance, in which he is described as gentleman. Up to this time there is no mention of any suits at law against him, and doubt exists if the statement made by Chandler in the "History of Shirley," that at "a later date he became reduced in property through the mean treatment of those in whom he confided his business transactions." The same authority asserts he died at Lunenburg, at the house of a Mrs. Moffit, and that in the parlance of that day, during his prosperity he was called a rich man, having reduced to cultivation lands which gave him large returns.

He was enumerated in the census of 1790 at Shirley, head of a family consisting of self, wife, one male under sixteen, and daughter. There is no settlement of his estate.

193K LIEUTENANT JONAS (*Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 8 Sept., 1751<sup>1</sup> (8 Aug., 1752<sup>2</sup>), at Groton; died 19 April, 1835,<sup>3</sup> at Wallingford, Vt., and was buried in the Doty Cemetery, South Wallingford, near his son Charles; married Dec., 1775, at Littleton (intention 18 Nov., at Westford), SARAH READ, died 23 April, 1856, aged 99 years, 3 months, 18 days,<sup>4</sup> daughter of Stephen and Betsey (Bates) Reed. She made affidavit in Sept., 1837, that she was then aged 80 years, and was married in "the forepart of December, 1775".<sup>3</sup> In 1850 she was living with her son Luther, when her age was given as 93 years.

Children:<sup>5</sup>

- 1 RUTH, born 17 Jan., 1776.
- 2-2 CHARLES, born 4 Dec., 1779; died 17 May, 1857; married POLLY BIGELOW.
- 3 SARAH, born 27 Dec., 1780; married 19 Dec., 1804, at Billerica, CORNELIUS WHITCOMB of Billerica.<sup>6</sup>
- 4-4 LUTHER, born 9 Jan., 1782 at "Jaffrey, N. H."; living 1877; married PATTY HOWARD.
- 5-5 STEPHEN, born 10 Nov., 1788; died "aged 96 years"; married PRISCILLA BARNARD.
- 6 HARRIET, born 10 March, 1791, at Ludlow, Vt.; died 24 Dec., 1881;

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> Family records, but the age given on grave stone is 83 years.

<sup>3</sup> Statement of widow in pension papers.

<sup>4</sup> Information of Nelson W. Cook. Crosby's *Obituary Annual*, 1857, records that she had twelve children seventy-two grandchildren, one hundred eighteen great-grandchildren, fourteen of the next, and two possibly more, great-great-great-grandchildren.

<sup>5</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* Data collected in 1877 when Luther and Stephen were living.

<sup>6</sup> Reading records.

married 11 Feb., 1812, JOHN BIGELOW, brother of Polly above, born 17 Aug., 1817, died 28 May, 1847, son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Oak) Bigelow.<sup>1</sup> They lived at Crown Point, N. Y.

Children<sup>1</sup>:

1. John Bigelow.
2. Orson Bigelow.
3. Matilda Bigelow.
4. Hartwell Bigelow.
5. Augustus Bigelow.
6. Darius Bigelow.
7. Stephen Bigelow.
8. Charles Bigelow.
9. Sarah Bigelow.
- 7 MATILDA, born 14 March, 1793 at Mt. Holly; married 18 Feb., 1820, at Mt. Holly, RUDOLPHUS FIELD.<sup>2</sup>
- 8 JONAS, born 22 July, 1795, at Mt. Holly; married 21 Dec., 1820, at Mt. Holly, MEHITABLE LEE.<sup>2</sup>
- 9 HANNIBAL, born 15 May, 1799. He is said to have had a son HARTWELL, who served in the Union Army, and who lived in Oshkosh, Wis., and later in southern Missouri, and who is further said to have had by wife ARMITTA, the following children:
  1. Theodore.
  2. Fernando.
  3. Horatio.
  4. Denman.
  5. Mary.

Jonas Holden, by his father's will, was to share his father's real estate with his brother Ephraim. He purchased the latter's interest, but soon sold the whole to Joseph Moors, 5 Nov., 1772, described as 51½ acres on the east side of the road leading by the house, and settled in Chelmsford, where he was living in 1774; but that same year on 4 July, described as of New Ipswich, N. H., he sold two acres and a house there. The following year he was described as of Westford, Mass., and in 1778 he and his wife dispose of land in Chelmsford.<sup>3</sup> He was styled "gentleman." He removed to Jaffrey, N. H., and then to Ludlow, Vt., where he settled on the flats on the north bank of the Black River. The census of 1790 enumerated him there, head of a family consisting of self, four males under sixteen, and three females. He bought land in that part of Ludlow set off as Mount Holly, and removed thither. He was chosen assessor at the first town meeting, 8 Oct., 1792, and surveyor in 1794, and also held the office of tythingman. He finally removed to Wallingford, where he died.

He marched on the alarm of 19 April, 1775, in Captain Oliver Bates' company from Westford, and enlisted in the company com-

<sup>1</sup> *Oakes Genealogy*.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> Middlesex Deeds.

manded by Captain Joshua Parker, Colonel Prescott's regiment, 19 April (also given 26 April), 1775, and continued in the service throughout the war. He was wounded at Bunker Hill, and the next day was appointed corporal. It is said he was wounded in the thigh and was a conspicuous mark as he wore a red shirt. He next appears as ensign in company commanded by Captain Jonas Cole, Robinson's regiment, on an undated roll. Commissioned lieutenant, 14 March, 1778, in Captain Joshua Parker's company, Wade's regiment, having engaged 1 Jan. 1778, for one year, and saw service in Rhode Island in both Parker's and Boynton's companies, being stationed there for nine months, part of the time at East Greenwich. So much of his service record appears in Massachusetts records.<sup>1</sup> From the papers in his pension case, abstracts given below, further details appear.

On the fifteenth of March, 1833,<sup>2</sup> Jonas Holden, a pensioner of the United States, deposed that in 1775 soon after the battle of Concord he enlisted for eight months, and served as corporal in Captain Parker's company, Prescott's regiment, and served out his time at Cambridge, and was in the battle of Bunker Hill. He lived in Westford, when he entered the service. In March, 1776, he enlisted for nine months and was appointed a sergeant in Captain Joshua Parker's company, Reed's regiment. He marched to Ticonderoga, and was in the battle in the flotilla on Lake Champlain. He was wounded in both the above mentioned battles. He was discharged at Albany in December, 1776, or January following. In the spring of 1777 he was appointed ensign in Captain Cole's company, Robinson's regiment, and served as such until January, 1778, he thinks, when he was appointed a lieutenant and so continued until the winter after the capture of Cornwallis, at Yorktown in 1781, when the supernumerary officers left the service. He being one, he received a certificate from General Lee that he was entitled to five years half pay. He was at that time doing duty in a southern regiment, the Colonel's name he thinks was St. Clair, or some such name, but he is not certain, he having served in that regiment only during the siege of Yorktown. He served on the right wing, in the flank guard. Previous to this he served part of the time in Colonel Wade's regiment and part of the time on the recruiting service. On the march to Virginia he had the command of thirty-seven new recruits whom he had enlisted at Rhode Island a short time before, and was not attached to any regiment until he arrived at Yorktown.

William Burrows, born 14 Oct., 1760, certified he saw Jonas Holden, then a lieutenant, enlist men and march them off in 1779.

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>2</sup> He had made a previous declaration 4 March, 1829, at which time he was living at Crown Point. He was pensioned 3 March, 1826, and had received \$720. His commission was destroyed when his house was burned in 1783. (*Pension Papers*.)



193L EPHRAIM (*Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 16 Sept., 1753, at Groton, that part now Shirley, Mass.; died later than 1820; married HANNAH, born about 1762, aged 58 in 1820,<sup>1</sup> died 19 June, 1836, at Athens, Vt., "aged 73."<sup>2</sup>

Children<sup>2</sup>:

- 1 ROXY, born 17 April, 1779, at "King's, N. H."
- 2 "RIGHT" (Wright), born 12 Nov., 1781, at Westminster; died 1 April, 1782.<sup>2</sup>
- 3 NANCY, born 22 April, 1783, at Athens.
- 4 HANNAH, born 15 May, 1785, at Athens. Probably the Hannah Holden, "aged 60" with whom Edward Ball and his family were living in 1850.<sup>3</sup> She was "aged 75" in 1860 and living with Edward Ball at Athens.
- 5 NABBY, born 26 Aug., 1787, at Athens. Probably the Abigail Holden who married Uriah Miller of Westminster, 3 Dec., 1812, at Athens.<sup>2</sup>
- 6 FRAZIER, born 29 June, 1790, at Athens.
- 7 SALLY, born 10 Jan., 1792, at Athens. Probably the Sally Holden who married Rufus Whitney of Athens, 8 July, 1816, at Athens.<sup>2</sup>
- 8 ?Son, between 10 and 16 years of age in 1810.
- 9 CANDICE, born 1802.<sup>1</sup>
- 10 ELVIRA, born 1804,<sup>1</sup> aged 45 in 1850, aged 52 in 1860; married 24 March, 1833, at Athens,<sup>2</sup> EDWARD H. BALL, a farmer, aged 48 in 1860.

Children:<sup>3</sup>

1. Julia Ball, born 1827.
2. Lorence Ball, born 1832.
3. Rolla B. Ball, born 1839, living 1860.
4. Abbie Elvira Ball, born 1841, living 1860.
5. LeRoy A. Ball, born 1844, living 1860.
6. Homer E. Ball, born 1846, living 1860.
- 11 RUSSELL, born 1808.<sup>1</sup> Administrator of his father's estate in 1838. He was not living in Windham County, Vt., in 1850.

Ephraim Holden is named in his father's will. He was to share with Jonas the lands and buildings left by his father. 28 Dec., 1768, Jonathan Lawrence was appointed his guardian. In 1774 he was of Lunenburg, and that year deeded his interest in his father's estate to Jonas, but the acknowledgment was not made until 23 March, 1789, at Windham, Vt.<sup>4</sup> He enlisted 25 April, 1775, Captain John Fuller's company, Colonel Asa Whitcomb's regiment, and was stationed at Prospect Hill, Somerville. His name appears on a pay roll of the company of October, 1775.<sup>5</sup>

From his declaration made 20 June, 1820, further details concerning his service appear. He was then aged 67, a resident of

<sup>1</sup>*Pension Papers*, declaration of Ephraim Holden.

<sup>2</sup>Athens records, where the births of the first seven children are found recorded.

<sup>3</sup>Census of 1850.

<sup>4</sup>Middlesex Deeds, 100:212.

<sup>5</sup>Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

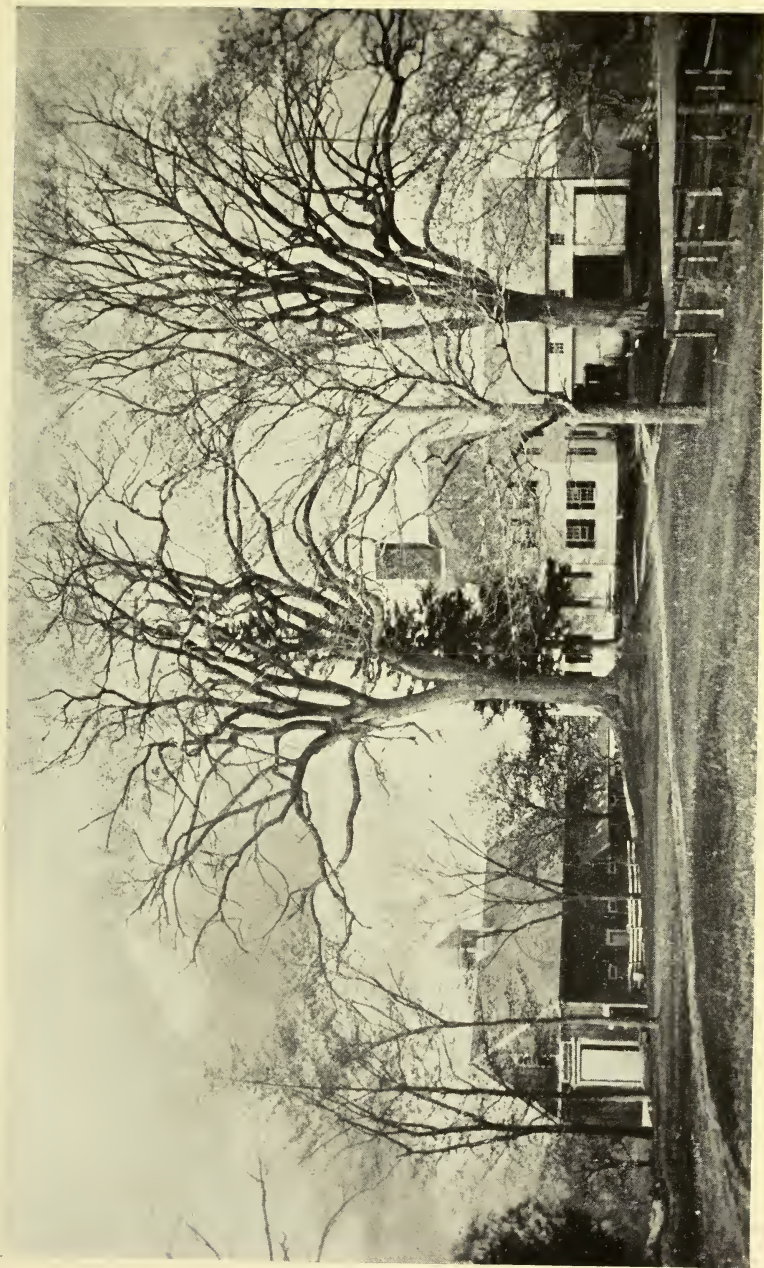
Athens. He enlisted in 1775 for eight months, and served the time out. He reënlisted in January, 1776, in the Continental Army, for one year, in company of Captain Joseph Moors, Colonel William Prescott's regiment, and was honorably discharged at expiration of term of enlistment. He reëntered the service and served three months. His first application was made 20 April, 1818, which resulted in a pension (Ctf. 9674). He was a farmer. His family consisted of wife, aged 58, totally unable to labor, in ill health for many years, three children living with him, Candice, aged 18, Elvira, aged 16, in feeble health, and Russell, aged 12, is his main dependence for help. He was himself lame, suffering from a bad "breach" (rupture). He made affidavit 25 July, 1832, asserting that he was 78 years old, and had been dropped from the pension rolls because he had property. He served the first eight months of his enlistment near Boston, and about January first enlisted in Moors' company, Whitcomb's regiment, and faithfully served out said time in the State of New Jersey, where he reënlisted for three months in Captain Rand's company, in a Massachusetts regiment, and was discharged near Bound Brook, N. J. In the year 1778 he volunteered at Rindge, N. H., and served in Rhode Island; was in the battle there, and retreated from the island with the army under General Sullivan. To the best of his recollection he was in the service at Rhode Island about six weeks or more.<sup>1</sup>

It is said that Ephraim Holden, Seth Oaks, and Jonathan Perham left Winchendon in the fall of 1779 to establish themselves at Athens. Ephraim Holden, however, in 1779 was a resident of Rindge, N. H., across the line from Winchendon. These pioneers built a log cabin at Athens, and the following spring brought in their families. "The snow was four feet deep when they came into town and they had to beat their own path for eight miles through the woods. A small yoke of oxen were the only domestic animals they brought with them."

The census of 1790 found Ephraim Holden at Athens, head of a family consisting of self and seven females. In 1810 he was head of a family of self, one male between ten and sixteen, one under ten, one female over forty-five, two between twenty-six and forty-five, one between sixteen and twenty-six, and two under ten years.

1947 CAPTAIN ASA (*Nathaniel, Stephen, Richard*), born 23 Aug., 1732, at Groton; died 23 June, 1813, at Shirley, in his eighty-first year (*g.s.*); married 6 Dec., 1757, at Groton, DOROTHY WAIT, born

<sup>1</sup> Pension Case. See also roll of regiment commanded by Colonel Enoch Hale, which marched from New Hampshire to join the Continental Army in Rhode Island, August, 1778, company of Captain Samuel Cunningham, enlisted 10 Aug., discharged 28 Aug. Also roll of company commanded by Captain Josiah Fish, Colonel Stephen Bradley, Vermont militia, in march toward Guilford, 16 Sept. to 20 Sept., 1782. (*N. H. Revolutionary Rolls and Vermont Revolutionary Rolls.*)



ASA HOLDEN HOMESTEAD, SHIRLEY





9 Sept., 1734, at Groton, died 5 July, 1807, at Shirley, in seventy-third year (*g.s.*), daughter of Phineas and Mary (Hubbard) Wait.<sup>1</sup>

He married, second, (intention at Shirley, 28 Oct., 1810) SYBIL LAKIN of Pepperell, born 20 May, 1780, died 1835 (will proved 2 June), daughter of Isaac, Jr., and Mary (Lawrence) Lakin.<sup>2</sup> Her will dated 21 Feb. 1832, named Deacon Jonas Parker, executor, and provided for a silver tankard to be purchased for the "Orthodox" church at Pepperell, to the poor of which she also gave one hundred dollars. Bequests were made to Sarah, wife of Richard Sawtell, Esq., Sibbel, wife of Amos Hosmer, Hannah, wife of William Hosmer, Lucinda, wife of Wilder Knight, Jonathan Green, widow of Moses Shattuck, wife of Joshua Parker, Hannah Baker, the daughter of Abel Parker, and Dolly Holden.

Children, born at Shirley:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 - 1 ASA, born 5 April, 1758; died 24 Jan., 1850; married DORCAS SAWTELL.
- 2 - 2 PHINEHAS, born 14 July, 1760; died 25 Nov., 1814; married MIRIAM LONGLEY.
- 3 - 3 NATHANIEL, born 9 July, 1762; died 30 Nov., 1842; married BETSY ATHERTON; (2) MRS. ELIZABETH (HUNT) TUTTLE.
- 4 - 4 EDMUND, born 9 Nov., 1765; died 7 Aug., 1827; married SUKEY ROCKWOOD.
- 5 - 5 LEVI, born 25 Dec., 1767; died 5 Dec., 1866, at Hawley; married LYDIA WARDEN; (2) MARY LONGLEY.
- 6 - 6 JOSEPH, born 5 Dec., 1769; died 14 Nov., 1863, at Marietta, Ohio; married ELIZA HANAWAY.
- 7 LYDIA, born 8 Feb., 1772; died 31 July, 1786 (*g.s.* at Shirley).
- 8 JONAS, born 18 June, 1774; died unmarried, 11 March, 1811, at Coxsackie, N. Y., whither he had removed.
- 9 DOLLY, born 28 Aug., 1776; died 29 Nov., 1859, at Lunenburg; married 11 Aug., 1835, SAMUEL COOK of Lunenburg.

Captain Asa Holden obtained his military title in the militia. He served in Captain Hobbs' company, in Winslow's regiment, at Annapolis Royal, N. S. On a roll dated 28 May, 1755, he is described as aged 22 years, born in Groton. There is an unauthenticated tradition that he received a grant of land in Nova Scotia in 1758. He was commissioned ensign in the Shirley company, January, 1762, and later, probably in 1771, lieutenant.<sup>4</sup>

He was a farmer and tanner, an important man in the town, and for a period of fifteen years, prior to and after the American Revolution, was one of the selectmen. His homestead remained in the family and was owned by Almond M. Holden, a great grandson. There is no settlement of his estate. The census of 1790 found him head of a family consisting of himself, four other males over sixteen, one male under sixteen, and three females.

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 84:493.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Mss.*

<sup>3</sup> Farnsworth Memorial.

<sup>4</sup> Archives, 99:34, 441.

1948 CAPTAIN JABEZ (*Nathaniel, Stephen, Richard*), born 12 May, 1735, at Groton, "on the Sabbath,"<sup>1</sup> baptized 18 May; died 11 August, 1787, at Groton, aged 53 (*g.s.*); married 11 June, 1761, at Groton,<sup>2</sup> RACHEL FARNSWORTH, born 29 Jan., 1738-9, "on Sabbath Day at seven in the morning,"<sup>1</sup> at Groton,<sup>3</sup> died 26 Jan., 1829,<sup>4</sup> at the home of her son Samuel at Moose River, Me., daughter of Amos and Lydia (Longley) Farnsworth.<sup>3</sup>

Children,<sup>4</sup> all baptized in Groton church:

- 1 SARAH, born 13 Aug., 1762; married ——— FROST (perhaps Jonathan Bigelow Frost, who had wife Sarah).
- 2 JABEZ, born 2 July, 1766; died 2 June, 1807 "without a family".<sup>5</sup>
- 3 OLIVE, born 17 Sept., 1768; living 1787.
- 4-4 SAMUEL, born 17 June, 1772; died 19 March, 1858; married JANE FARNSWORTH.
- 5-5 BENJAMIN, born 8 June, 1775; died about 1845; married EMMA FARWELL.
- 6 RACHEL, twin with Benjamin, married 28 Nov., 1799, EBENEZER BURGESS, born 12 July, 1776, died 20 March, 1832, son of Samuel and Sarah (Wing) Burgess. Removed to Harford, N. Y., near which place, at Virgil, she was living in 1845. On the 13 April, 1845, she wrote to her brother, Samuel Holden, that during the past season she had woven 400 yards of cloth and "yesterday and the day before, wove 10 yards of diaper."

Children:

1. Ebenezer Burgess, died in infancy.
2. Paulina Burgess, died June, 1840, in Ohio. She was twice married; by her first marriage had one child; by her second marriage three children, one of whom died prior to 20 Nov., 1841, in Ohio; married (2) ——— MOFFATT.
3. Susan Burgess, married CHARLES PRESTON. In 1845 she had eight children, of whom three sons and three daughters were born prior to 1840, and lived five miles from her mother.
4. Eliza Burgess, married ERVING TAINTOR. She had six children in 1845, of whom the three eldest were E. Burgess Taintor, Albert Taintor, Emeline Taintor.

Jabez Holden was a cordwainer. He had a half interest with his brother Isaac in his father's dwelling house, which he conveyed to Isaac in 1754. He settled on that part of the old Holden property which lies southwest of Groton School, and which adjoined the Moors farm. He was one of the members of the company of Minute Men commanded by Captain John Sawtell, Colonel James Prescott's regiment, which marched on the Alarm of the nineteenth of April, 1775, and was credited with four and one-half days service. He was present at the battle of Bunker Hill, and was wounded in the side and

<sup>1</sup> Family Bible.

<sup>2</sup> Church records.

<sup>3</sup> Butler: *History of Groton*.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* The two youngest children are not on town records.

<sup>5</sup> Information of Otis Holden, 1877, whose daughter has the family Bible of Rachel Holden.

sustained also a broken arm, yet brought away his musket. He was in the breast-work when the enemy took the position from the flank. He was commissioned captain of the 1st (Groton) company, 6th Middlesex regiment, 24 April, 1776, and in December was appointed to command drafted men ordered to march to Fairfield, Conn.<sup>1</sup> In August of that year he was one of the Court Martial which cashiered James Parker of Shirley. During Shays' Rebellion he was one of the sixty-eight townsmen of Groton who petitioned for a special town meeting (June, 1786) to consider the articles proposed by sympathizer with Shays and Shattuck. Two hundred and seventy-eight residents of Groton and adjoining towns were called on to take the oath of allegiance after the outbreak under Shays had been quelled. The valuation of 1770 listed Jabez Holden as one of the more substantial freeholders in Groton. He and the widow, Deborah Holden, were the only ones of the name to appear in the valuation.

In 1790 Rachel Holden was enumerated in Groton, head of a family consisting of herself, one other female, two males over sixteen years, and one under sixteen.

His will dated 26 July, 1787, was proved 18 September following. To his wife Rachel he gave the improvement of his homestead, a third interest after Benjamin became twenty-one years of age, and half the land on the west side of the river. The homestead was given to Samuel and Benjamin, and legacies were given Jabez, Sarah (called Frost), Olive and Rachel. One the 26 July, 1797, Samuel and Benjamin Holden conveyed to David Davis, the homestead of 100 acres. Rachel Holden, widow of Jabez, quitclaimed her interest. The following February Samuel sold 60 acres on the west side of the river (his wife Jane, and mother Rachel joining), and in November, 1798, Benjamin sold his interest in the same, his wife Emma and mother joining.<sup>2</sup> These transactions were preparatory to removal from Groton. The mother accompanied Samuel to Maine.

1962 CAPTAIN WILLIAM (*William, Stephen, Richard*), born 19 Feb., 1728-9, at Groton; baptized 3 March, 1728-9; died 8 Nov., 1807, at Springfield, Vt., aged 79 years, 8 months, 6 days;<sup>3</sup> married 10 Nov., 1747,<sup>4</sup> ANNES NUTTING, born 22 May, 1730, died 25 Oct., 1815, at Springfield, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Green) Nutting of Groton.

William Holden and wife Annes joined with John Swallow and wife Sarah, Josiah Blodget and wife Jemima of Dunstable, Nathaniel Blodget and wife Mary, Timothy Moors and wife Lydia, James Stone, Jr., and wife Deborah, all of Groton, in conveying to William Nutting their interest in the estate of their father Jonathan Nutting, 11 May, 1754.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>3</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> Groton church records.

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 126:358; 130:268; 131:90.

<sup>5</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 53:345.

## Children:

- 1 ANNES, born 27 Aug., 1748, at Groton;<sup>1</sup> died 28 Jan., 1749.
- 2 ANNES, born 16 Nov., 1749; died same day.<sup>1</sup>
- 3 WILLIAM, born 1 Aug., 1751, at Groton;<sup>1</sup> died 14 Feb., 1755.
- 4 - 4 NATHANIEL, born 15 Aug., 1753, at Groton;<sup>1</sup> died 21 July, 1841; married LETTICE GROUT; (2) HANNAH PARKER.
- 5 ANNES, born 6 July, 1758 at Groton;<sup>2</sup> married in 1774, JOSEPH WILSON, born 1752 at Woburn.  
Children, nine in all, born between 1775 and 1798, all died in youth except
  1. Deborah Wilson, born 24 May, 1777, at Charlestown, N. H.; married JOSEPH WILSON.
  2. Sophia Wilson, born 11 May, 1789; married 22 Jan., 1807, ROSWELL HUBBARD.
  3. Samuel Wilson, born 19 March, 1791; married (1) SARAH PARKER; (2) FANNY J. PARKER.<sup>3</sup> He was living at Vergennes, Vt., in 1878.
- 6 POLLY, born 15 Feb., 1763,<sup>3</sup> at Charlestown, N. H.; married 30 Aug., 1784, at Charlestown,<sup>1</sup> WILLIAM HENRY, JR., son of William and Mary (Harper) Henry.  
Children:<sup>3</sup>
  1. Harriet Henry, born 15 Oct., 1785; married WILLIAM WILLIAMS of Troy, N. Y.
  2. William Henry, born 22 March, 1788; married FANNY GOODHUE of Chester, Vt.
  3. Theodosia Henry, born 10 Oct., 1789; married JOHN GILL of New York.
  4. James Henry, born 12 March, 1791; married SALLY EARLE of Chester, Vt.
  5. Polly Henry, married THOMAS ROBINSON of Chester, Vt.
  6. Anna Henry, married THOMAS F. HAMMOND of West Windsor, Vt.
  7. Elthera Henry, married ENOS LOVELL, JR., of Chester, Vt.
- 7 - 7 WILLIAM, born 29 Oct., 1764, at Charlestown, N. H.;<sup>3</sup> died 3 March, 1813; married HANNAH PARKER.

In a letter of date of 30 May, 1867, Elijah Holden says:

"My grandfather, William Holden, when about sixteen years old enlisted as private and was with General Putnam and Major Rogers at Crown Point and Old Ticonderoga (was also present at Louisburg and the surrender of General Burgoyne), was made ensign, and when they were removed from that post he was commissioned lieutenant, and was with Wolfe at the taking of Quebec. During the Revolution he received a dispatch from General Washington enclosing a captain's commission, with orders to enlist two hundred men, have them well equipped, furnished with snowshoes, for the purpose of burning the British fleet, frozen up just below Quebec in the River St. Lawrence. In the spring he was ordered to disband his men."

<sup>1</sup> Town records.<sup>2</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*<sup>3</sup> *History of Charlestown, N. H.*, pp. 410, 630.



William Holden was a soldier in the French War and served 31 May to 17 Sept., 1754, in company commanded by Captain Humphrey Hobbs, Colonel Winslow's regiment, raised for service in the defence of southern frontier. His name appears also on a roll dated 30 May, 1754, as of Groton, same company and credited with 40 miles travel. It is plain he had enlisted earlier than the dates above. He received a bounty of 28 shillings.<sup>1</sup> William Holden, aged 27, was a member of Captain Hobbs' company, 28 May, 1755 at Annapolis. His residence is here given as Groton and birthplace as "Bloody Point."

Captain William Holden was an officer in Colonel Timothy Bedell's regiment, which was raised in November, 1777, and discharged in March, 1778. This regiment was on duty upon the upper Connecticut River frontier for service as occasion might require. He was also captain of a company in Colonel Timothy Bedell's regiment, which was raised for frontier duty, or Continental service as occasion might require, early in 1778, and which was discharged in March of the same year.<sup>2</sup>

It is recorded on his gravestone that he was at the capture of Louisburg, 1745; at Fort William Henry, 1757; again at the capture of Louisburg in 1758, and the taking of Quebec<sup>3</sup> and Montreal in 1759 and 1760. A powder horn now in possession of Rev. Francis Holden, has the following inscription: "William Holden, Cape Breton, July 28, 1758." The head of King George, a deer and an owl are also carved on the horn. It is tradition that he did this with the broken blade of his knife, while a prisoner, and then when taken he was forced by the Indians to run the gauntlet, and of 42 who essayed the feat, but two lived.<sup>4</sup>

1963 JOSHUA (*William, Stephen, Richard*), born 6 Feb., 1729-30, at Groton; died 1 Dec., 1817, at Rindge, N. H.; married 8 June, 1761, at Groton,<sup>5</sup> SARAH BIGELOW.

He married, second, 25 Jan., 1770, HULDAH SIMPSON,<sup>4</sup> died 26 Feb., 1795, at Ashburnham, aged "between 60 and 70 years."<sup>5</sup>

He married, third, 4 Oct., 1803 (intention at Ashburnham, 2 Sept.), MRS. PHEBE (AUSTIN) STILES, daughter of Daniel, Jr., and Phebe (Lovejoy) Austin, and widow of Hezekiah Stiles of Rindge.

Children:<sup>5</sup>

1-1 JOSHUA, born 28 Oct., 1765, at Groton; married LYDIA PARKER.

2 SARAH, born 9 March, 1767, at Groton.

By second marriage, born at Ashburnham:<sup>5</sup>

3-3 REUBEN, born 13 Sept., 1770; died 4 April, 1799; married HANNAH NICHOLS.

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 93:106, 133, 139a.

<sup>3</sup> Also statement of Zophar Holden to his son William.

<sup>4</sup> R. W. Holden, *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> *History of Charlestown, N. H.*, pp. 410-630.

<sup>5</sup> Town records.

- 4 JOHN, born 21 April, 1773; married 30 June, 1794, at Ashburnham, ANNA PERRY. Lived in Ashburnham.

Joshua Holden of Shirley, on another roll described as of Groton, enlisted 31 May, 1754, receiving a bounty of twenty-eight shillings. He was discharged 6 Oct., 1754, from company commanded by Captain Hobbs which served on the eastern frontier under Colonel John Winslow.

The following year Joshua Holden of Boston entered the service 15 September, and was discharged 16 December following, having served in the company of Captain Moses Deshon, Colonel Gridley's regiment in the Crown Point Expedition. He is described on another roll as having enlisted out of Colonel William Brattle's regiment to reënforce the army against Crown Point under Major General William Johnson, and to have enlisted out of Captain Benjamin Pratt's company. This return was dated 7 Oct., 1755.

Joshua Holden was one of the "bayonet men" in the Groton company commanded by Captain James Prescott, December, 1758.<sup>1</sup> Only a part of the men were so described.

In 1760 he enlisted from Groton, 21 June, and served until 2 Dec., 1760, in company commanded by Captain William Williams.<sup>2</sup>

At the time of the Lexington Alarm he was living at Ashburnham, where he had settled in 1770,<sup>3</sup> and marched 20 April, 1775, in Captain Deliverance Davis's company, Colonel Asa Whetcomb's regiment, and remained in the service ten days. He enlisted in the Continental Army in the spring of 1777, for three years, and his name appears on rolls dated 26 May, 1777 and 9 Feb., 1778, of Captain Haffield White's company in Colonel Rufus Putnam's regiment.

In 1790 Joshua Holden was enumerated at Ashburnham, having a family of three males over sixteen, including himself, and two females. After this he appears to have lived awhile in Weston, Vt., and later at Rindge.

1965 RICHARD (*William, Stephen, Richard*), born 25 Aug., 1734, at Groton; died a prisoner of war, probably in the winter of 1776; married 17 Nov., 1757, at Harvard, Mass., DOROTHY ADAMS,<sup>4</sup> born 1738, died 9 Feb., 1805, "aged 67" (*g.s.* at Charlestown, N. H.).

His widow was not enumerated in 1790 in New Hampshire as head of a family.

Children:

- 1-1 RICHARD, born 1 Sept., 1758, at Harvard; died about 1820; married RUTH GLIDDEN.

<sup>1</sup> Green: *Groton during the Indian Wars*, p. 177.

<sup>2</sup> Archives, 93:106a, 133, 139a, 247, 248; 94:62; 98:291.

<sup>3</sup> Province Valuation of 1770. His name is misprinted in the History of Ashburnham, as Joseph.

<sup>4</sup> Town records.

- 2-2 TIMOTHY, born 12 July, 1760, at Harvard; died 9 Aug., 1833; married HANNAH GLIDDEN; (2) MARY PAGE; (3) KATHERINE HUMPHREY.
- 3 DOLLY, born 21 Dec., 1761, at Charlestown, N. H.; married LOVELL WARREN of Middlesex, Vt.
- 4 ANNA, died 10 Dec., 1805; married SETH PUTNAM, born 9 Aug., 1754, at Charlestown, died 10 Feb., 1848, at Middlesex, brother of Levi Putnam below. He was town clerk, county judge, etc. He served in the army during the Revolution.  
Children, born at Middlesex:<sup>1</sup>
1. Sophronia Putnam, born 1780; died 8 Oct., 1838, at Middlesex; married JOHN ARBUCKLE, who died 10 Aug., 1863, aged 80.
  2. Phila Putnam, died Nov., 1824, at Middlesex; married ——— CUSHMAN.
  3. Holden Putnam, born 1781; died 19 Feb., 1867. He commanded a company at the Battle of Plattsburg.
  4. Seth Putnam, died at Malone, N. Y.; married ——— ROCKWELL.
  5. Catherine Putnam, died Sept., 1830; married EZRA CUSHMAN.
  6. Lewis Putnam, died 18 Oct., 1814, wounded at battle of Plattsburg.
  7. Roswell Putnam, died Feb., 1839, at Peacham, Vt.; married MISS FLETCHER.
  8. George Putnam, died in Georgia or Alabama; teacher, studied for the ministry; married ——— WATSON.
- 5 AMY, born 7 Feb., 1764, at Charlestown; married ——— TAPLIN.
- 6 REBECCA, born 20 Oct., 1765, at Charlestown; died 20 June, 1841;<sup>1</sup> married 29 March, 1784, at Charlestown, LEVI PUTNAM, born 11 Feb., 1757, at Charlestown; died 22 Feb., 1836,<sup>1</sup> son of Ebenezer and Mary (Parker) Putnam. They lived in Middlesex and Charlestown. Levi Putnam served in the army during the Revolution.  
Children:
1. Ira Putnam, born 1786; married Feb., 1823, SUSAN KIMBALL.
  2. Parker Putnam, born April, 1789; died May, 1814, at Charlestown.
  3. Betsey Putnam, born Dec., 1791; married ABNER DOTY.
  4. Hiram Putnam, born 1798; died 23 March, 1858; married 1 Feb., 1824, EMILY GRISWOLD.
  5. Sophia Willard Putnam, born June, 1800; married (intention 10 Nov., 1822) WILLIAM FARWELL, born 11 Aug., 1797, died 21 June, 1862, at Buffalo, N. Y.
  6. Levi Putnam, born March, 1805; died 1845; married PHILETA WENTWORTH. He was a physician at Felchville, Vt.
- 7-7 EDMUND, born 23 Oct., 1767, at Charlestown; married MARY.
- 8 LOUISA, born 18 Dec., 1769, at Charlestown; married 7 Feb., 1788, at Charlestown, REUBEN NOTT; (2) ——— MOSELEY.
- 9<sup>2</sup> LOVINIA (Sophia), (? married ——— MOSELEY).

<sup>1</sup> *History of Putnam Family*, annotated.

<sup>2</sup> The R. W. Holden *Ms.* gives also Olive, died 24 Dec., 1820, at Charlestown; married (int. 24 June, 1792, at Charlestown) Ebenezer Farnsworth; but the *History of Charlestown* calls this woman Olive Hayden, both in the list of publications and in the *Farnsworth Genealogy*. She is not in the F. A. Holden *Ms.*

Richard Holden of Harvard enlisted as centinel 31 May, 1754, and served until 15 Sept., 1754, in company commanded by Captain Phineas Osgood, Colonel John Winslow's regiment, raised for the defence of the eastern frontier. He received a bounty of 28 shillings. He also served from 8 Feb. to 14 March, 1755, with a detachment at Charlemont under Ensign John May, and as centinel at the "Line of Forts" 15 March to 9 June, 1755. He is given as "enlisted in company of Israel Williams for Crown Point." The following year he enlisted 18 April and served until 10 Dec., 1756, in Crown Point Expedition,<sup>1</sup> as centinel, in company commanded by Lieutenant Simon Davis.

In 1758 Richard Holden, described as of Harvard, cordwainer, purchased six acres on Snake Hill, Harvard, "west of his dwelling house" and also meadow. On the 25 Oct., 1762, described as of Charlestown, N. H., he sold the above six acres.<sup>2</sup> He had removed to Charlestown the preceding year.

Notwithstanding he was a New Hampshire man, he enlisted in Captain Kimball's company, 27th Massachusetts regiment, and was appointed sergeant. He was taken prisoner at King's Bridge, 29 Oct., 1776.<sup>3</sup> Family tradition asserts he was taken prisoner at the surrender of Fort Washington, and died of starvation on a prison ship in New York harbor. This appears, however, to be merely supposition, as he "was never heard from after the surrender of Fort Lee."

The following letter was written just before the evacuation of Boston:

"Cambridge, March 14th, 1776.

*Dear Son:* After my love to your mother and all my children, I woud inform you that your brother<sup>4</sup> and I are both in good health as I hope they will find you and all our friends.

Since our bombarding & canonading Boston our Enemy are in greate mosion and tis thought that they are a going off and if so it is expected that some of our army will move to the Southard and some to the eastward and where our lot will faul I no not. If it is to stay here where we draw some money, I shall send Timothy home if possible.

Mr. Heart has bin Hear twice and I have rec'd no letters tho he says you are all well yet I should be glad you would Wright to me the first opertunity and let me know how you are at home.

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Archives, 93:138, 139a, 153, 25; 95:152.

<sup>2</sup> Worcester Deeds, 46:174; 47:326; 80:329. See also Proprietors records, Charlestown, in history of that town, pp. 124, 125.

<sup>3</sup> Colonel Hutchinson's Orderly Book. See Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls, p. 111. This accords with family tradition.

<sup>4</sup> His son Timothy, in the same company.



Rich<sup>d</sup> my concerns are grate and my expectations are much from  
you. No more at present but I remain your affectionate Father  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Holdin

Dear wife after my Love

To

Mr Rich<sup>d</sup> Holdin junier

att

Charlestown."

1966 JONATHAN (*William, Stephen, Richard*), born 25 Aug. 1736, at Groton; died 19 Nov., 1821, at Charlestown, N. H., "aged 78";<sup>1</sup> married the fifteenth or sixteenth of March, 1758,<sup>1</sup> HANNAH WOODS, who with her husband owned covenant at Groton, 19 July, 1761.

Children, born at Groton:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 HANNAH, born 30 Aug., 1759; baptized 19 July, 1761.
- 2 ELIZABETH, born 2 Nov., 1762; baptized 7 March, 1762.
- 3 LYDIA, baptized 4 July, 1763.

Jonathan Holden served six years during the Old French War. His name appears on the roll of the company commanded by Captain Hobbs in Colonel Winslow's regiment, dated 28 May, 1755. He is described as of Groton, aged 18 years.<sup>2</sup> He again enlisted 15 Sept., 1755, being then described as a resident of Boston, and having enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Moses Deshon. He marched to Albany probably on the 26 Sept., and remained in the service until 16 Dec. On the return of the muster-master he was described as having been impressed out of the militia regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Lincoln. The following year his name appears on a list of those impressed out of the regiment of Colonel Oliver Wilder, and as having enlisted 22 April, 1756, for Crown Point. On a roll dated at Fort Edward 26 July, he is described as a volunteer, having joined from Prescott's company, Wilder's regiment, aged 20, residence Groton, farmer, and in another roll his tour of service is given as from 30 March to 4 Dec., 1756. On a roll dated 1758 it appears he enlisted that year 26 March and served in the expedition against Crown Point. He was out of the militia regiment commanded by Colonel William Lawrence, was aged 23, lived in Groton, and had been in the service the preceding year. He had probably served from 18 March to 28 Nov., 1757, in Captain James Reed's company, Colonel Ruggles' regiment, the same command in which he had served in October 1756, when he was at Fort William Henry.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> Green: *Groton during the Indian Wars*, p. 175.

<sup>3</sup> Archives, 93:235, 248; 94:62, 157; 354, 358; 544; 493; 95:132; 97:112; 202; 98:352; 99:120, 224.

He again enlisted 26 March and served until 7 Dec., 1759, in company commanded by Captain Leonard Whiting, for Crown Point expedition. He was in 1st battalion, General Ruggles' regiment, and is called of Groton. Also on roll dated 10 May for pay from 30 April same company, battalion and regiment.

Jonathan Holden of Groton enlisted 21 March, 1760, in company commanded by Captain William Jones, as appears by a roll dated Boston 12 Feb., 1761, and on which said Holden's residence is given as Boston and is reported as doing duty in company commanded by Captain Farrington. On another roll dated 19 Feb, 1761, he is reported as serving till 2 Dec., 1760, under Captain Thomas Farrington. His residence was Groton. Travel allowance home 105 miles. Also enlisted 2 June, 1761, and served until 5 Dec., 1761, under Captain Thomas Farrington.

Jonathan Holden enlisted 18 March, served until 28 Nov. in Captain James Reed's company, Colonel Ruggles' regiment. The year appended by the clerk who copied this entry is 1762, but possibly an error was made. This may be the missing enlistment and discharge date for 1756.<sup>1</sup>

On Charlestown records he is styled "Captain."

1974 NATHANIEL (*Simon, Stephen, Richard*), born in that part of Cambridge now Arlington, 26 July, 1742; died prior to 1794. He married at Salem, 13 Dec., 1764, MARGARET EWING of Salem.<sup>2</sup> Peggy HOLDEN of Salem and JOSIAH FLAGG married 17 Aug., 1794, at Reading.

Children:<sup>3</sup>

1 SIMON, baptized 4 Sept., 1768.

2 NATHANIEL, baptized 15 Oct., 1769.

3 PEGGY, baptized 14 Feb., 1773.

Nathaniel Holden marched from Cambridge 16 Aug., 1757, to Springfield, 180 miles. He was credited with 14 days service on alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry, in company of Captain Joshua Fuller, Colonel William Brattle's regiment. He was of Cambridge, enlisted 11 April, 1758, discharged 29 Oct., 1758, in company of Captain Thomas Adams, Colonel Ebenezer Nichols regiment. Daniel Brown is given as the name of his master.<sup>4</sup>

Nathaniel Holden was commissioned August, 1772, as captain in 5th regiment, Essex County militia, commanded by Colonel John Gallison.<sup>5</sup>

He was a mariner and lived in Salem and Marblehead.

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 92:235, 248; 94:62, 157; 354, 358; 544; 493; 95:132; 97:112; 202; 98:352; 99:120, 224.

<sup>2</sup> Salem records, 4:81.

<sup>3</sup> Marblehead Vital Records.

<sup>4</sup> Archives, 95:377; 96:254, 314, 423.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, 99:449.

1976 CHARLES (*Simon, Stephen, Richard*), born 19 June, 1746; died 1816, intestate, of Wenham, mariner. Administration on his estate was granted 2 April, 1823, to J. G. Waters. By a will not properly executed, dated 5 Dec., 1812, he bequeathed to Sarah Luscomb what was due him from the agent or owners of the privateer *Hunter*. Representation was made that Charles Holden of Wenham, yeoman, was his only child.<sup>1</sup>

Child:

1 - 1 CHARLES, died 17 May, 1874; of Wenham; married MRS. SARAH F. CLEAVES.

1981 ROBERT (*Jonathan, Stephen, Richard*), born 5 March, 1743, at Groton, Mass.; died 22 June, 1826, at Templeton, Mass., "aged 82 years"<sup>2</sup> (aged 84)<sup>3</sup>; married 25 Nov., 1766, at Bolton, Mass., SARAH TILLE (Tuttle on return to county clerk).

He married, second, 23 Feb., 1787, at Templeton<sup>2</sup> MRS. JOANNA (BRUCE) WHITCOMB.

Children:<sup>4</sup>

1 ELI. No further mention has been found.

2 - 2 JONATHAN, born (May, 1770); died 28 Nov., 1826; aged 56 years, 6 months;<sup>2</sup> married LYDIA RICHARDS; (2) SARAH CROCKER.

3 DEBORAH, born 11 July, 1773; died 11 April, 1863, at Stephentown, N. Y.; married 20 Jan., 1799, at Templeton, ROWLAND COLEMAN.<sup>5</sup>  
Children:<sup>5</sup>

1. Deborah Coleman, born 30 Jan., 1800; married HALSEY DOTY.

2. Rowland Coleman, born 31 Oct., 1804; died 24 Nov., 1873, at Nassau, N. Y.; married 24 Aug., 1826, ELVIRA SARISSA CHAPMAN, who died 26 Dec., 1882, at West Stephentown, N. Y.

4 ANN.

5 - 5 ROBERT, born (1776-7); died 21 Nov., 1841, "aged 64";<sup>2</sup> married MILLIA BLANCHARD.

6 SARAH.

7 SUSANNAH, born 22 March, 1782, at Templeton;<sup>5</sup> died 17 Feb., 1856, at Colebrook; married DANIEL LARKIN; (2) 3 Dec., 1814, REV. ERASTUS DOTY, a Baptist clergyman, born 5 Jan., 1791, at Stephentown, died 13 June, 1864, at Colebrook, son of William and Ruth (Holmes) Doty.

Children:<sup>5</sup>

1. Abel Larkin, married ELIZABETH TORREY of Williamstown, Mass.

<sup>1</sup> Essex probate.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> *Boston Recorder*, issue of 28 July, 1826, contains notice of death of Jonathan Holder, aged 83, a "Revolutionary soldier" and the issue of 18 Aug., that of Robert Holden, aged 84.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* This list of children is probably correct, though but seven of the fifteen children can be traced. In the census of 1790 Robert Holden of Templeton is enumerated as head of a family consisting of himself, another male over sixteen, two males under sixteen, and four females. Mrs. Mary (Parker) Coleman, granddaughter of Eber, remembered that he had sisters, and that Stillman and John Holden were probably nephews (these were sons of John), who she remembers was called her grandfather's half brother.

<sup>5</sup> Information of Mrs. Edith Coleman and of Mrs. George J. Scobey (1912), who are grandchildren.

2. Ira Larkin, married ABIGAIL BENTLEY.

3. Erastus Doty.

4. Selina Doty.

5. Mary Doty, married ——— PADELFOED.

8-8 JOHN, born 1785; died about 1875; married ELIZABETH PRATT; (4)  
SALLY M. COTTEN.

By second wife:

9-9 HAVILLAH, born 18 Dec., 1789; married NANCY FREEMAN; (2)  
CAROLINE VOAX.

10 ELYRA.

K-11 EBER, born July, 1788, at Templeton, Mass.; died Feb., 1885;  
married SALLY TYLER.

12 GILBERT.

13 CYNTHIA.

14 SILAS.

15 SOLOMON.

Robert Holden enlisted 17 June, 1760, and served until the following fifteenth of December in company of Captain Benjamin Rolfe. His residence was given as Bolton, and he was then apprenticed to Robert Longley.<sup>1</sup>

After his marriage he settled in Templeton. He was one of the Templeton men who responded to the Alarm of 19 April, 1775, being a member of the company commanded by Captain Ezekiel Knowlton, Sparhawk's regiment. He enlisted at Cambridge, 25 April, 1775, in Holman's company, Doolittle's regiment, and served the remainder of the year. He again enlisted for three years, was mustered in 16 June, 1777, Morse's company, Colonel Rufus Putnam's regiment, and served to 30 June, 1780. He made application for pension 20 April, 1818, and again in 1821, then a resident of Templeton and aged 77 years. At that time he had only the lease of a small farm, for its improvement, on which was an old dwelling house, was a cripple by reason of seven accidents and unable to labor, and had no family living with him. The lease gave him an income of about \$24. The farm was 50 acres. He received a pension from 1818.<sup>2</sup> He gave his service in the Massachusetts line as from enlistment 14 April, 1777, in Captain Jonas Morse's company, Colonel Rufus Putnam's regiment, until the 14 April, 1780. According to the death notice in the *Boston Recorder* of 18 Aug., 1826, he "served during the whole revolutionary war in the regiment commanded by Colonel Rufus Putnam."

As of Bolton, husbandman, he purchased of John Whitcomb of Bolton, 18 Sept., 1766, 46 acres in Templeton.<sup>3</sup> Robert Holden granted to his son Robert of Templeton 5 April, 1806, all his lands

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 98:247.

<sup>2</sup> Papers in Pension Case. Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls give his service.

<sup>3</sup> Worcester Deeds, 70:302; 163:302.



there, in consideration of support for self and wife Joan.<sup>1</sup> There was no settlement of his estate.

1991 COLONEL BENJAMIN (*Benjamin, Stephen, Richard*), born 10 March, 1728-9, at Dedham; died 24 Nov., 1820, at Princeton, "aged 92" (*g.s.*); married prior to July, 1762, at Dedham, CATHERINE RICHARDS, born 1 Aug., 1733, died 28 July, 1817, at Princeton, "aged 84" (*g.s.*), daughter of Colonel Joseph and Mary (Belcher) Richards. She joined in conveying property in Dedham, 1 July 1762, which had been part of the estate of Thomas Ockington.

Children, born at Princeton:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 LUCY, born 29 Nov., 1762; died 26 Nov., 1848; married 11 Dec., 1808, CAPTAIN ADDISON RICHARDSON of Salem, born 3 July, 1739, died 25 Sept., 1814, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Richardson) Richardson. She was his third wife.
- 2 - 2 JOSEPH, born 28 Sept., 1764; died 23 Dec., 1798; married FIDELIA MIRICK, who married (2) Joel Holden, her brother-in-law.
- 3 CATHERINE, born 23 April, 1767, baptized 18 June, 1767, at Holden<sup>3</sup> as of Rutland; married 30 Jan., 1797, at Princeton, EPHRAIM MIRICK, who served as selectman and assessor, as did also his son Ephraim. The latter was representative in 1823.  
Children:  
1. Ephraim Mirick, born 29 Dec., 1801.  
2. Elizabeth Mirick, born 10 Aug., 1808.
- 4 - 4 BENJAMIN, born 19 Nov., 1769; died 8 April, 1832; married HANNAH GILL.
- 5 - 5 JOEL, born 30 Nov., 1772; married MRS. FIDELIA (MIRICK) HOLDEN.
- 6 JOHN HANCOCK, born 23 Feb., 1775; died 15 March, 1778, at Princeton.

Benjamin Holden served from 1756 to 1761 in the French War. His service record is appended.

Benjamin Holden, mustered at Dedham 3 May, 1756, in Captain William Bacon's company, Colonel Richard Gridley's regiment. Reported as aged 23, born in Dedham, a resident there and a blacksmith, and that he found a blanket for himself and paid for it. He was mustered as sergeant 11 Oct., 1756, expedition against Crown Point. Also appears on a roll dated 22 Feb., 1759, reported discharged 1 Nov. (1758), having served 7 months, 27 days as sergeant in company commanded by Captain Jeremiah Richards, Colonel Joseph Williams' regiment, at Lake George, and that he retained his arms. Also on a roll not dated, reported as "hired," and on list of company of Captain William Bacon, Colonel Richard Gridley's regiment, having joined from Captain Jeremiah Richards' company, Colonel Francis Brinley's regiment from Dedham, age given as 27, birthplace Dedham, residence Roxbury. Also as enlisted 6 April,

<sup>1</sup> Worcester Deeds, 70:302; 163:302.

<sup>3</sup> Holden church records.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

served 51 days to 27 May, 1758, in company of Captain Jeremiah Richards, and giving his receipt for £1-14-0 for billeting. Also on a roll dated 27 Dec., 1758, as member of company commanded by Captain Haven and Captain Jeremiah Richards in Colonel Joseph Williams' regiment, billeting soldiers returning from camp. He enlisted 31 March, 1759, and served until 22 April, 1760, at Fort Cumberland as lieutenant in company commanded by Captain Simon Slocumb, which company he commanded after Captain Slocum left until 20 Nov., 1760. His autograph signature appears on the latter roll which he made up, charging 15 days time and expenses in making up muster roll and one day's travel from Dedham, also for cash paid for passage from Chineoto and caring for company after Captain Slocum left, £8-13-11. He also presented an account dated 15 Jan., 1760, for 20 days' time and expenses in making up muster roll, £7-14-3. This company was part of regiment commanded by Colonel Frye which served in Nova Scotia.<sup>1</sup>

He was commissioned captain of the Princeton company, 3d Worcester county regiment (Colonel John Murray), 18 Feb., 1767.

The Orderly Book kept by Colonel Holden at Fort Cumberland in 1906 was in possession of a descendant, Mr. John Holden of Worcester, having been given him by the late Henry F. Waters of Salem. It is square octavo in the original covers, and numbers 164 pages, six of which are blank.<sup>2</sup> Besides the pages devoted to countersigns, general orders, etc., there is a list of Slocum's company as originally enlisted, a roll of January, 1760, and ten pages showing strength of garrison, etc.

The record extends to September, 1760, the company having gone into garrison 10 May, 1759. In all, the garrison consisted of about 360 men, and was commanded by Colonel Frye,<sup>3</sup> who had five companies of provincial troops, and later the "Danks rangers" and perhaps a train of Royal Artillery. The most serious trouble which occurred during the period this book covers, was a "mutiny," arising from the attempt of some of the men to seize a vessel and return to Boston. For "passing the word while on guard so loud as to disturb the camp, and for threats" the ringleader received 500 lashes, the next man 250, and others 100 lashes each. Courts-martial were frequent and the men passed a very monotonous time, which the more reckless devoted to gambling and similar pursuits, though hunting and fishing were permitted.

In the year 1755, the fortified position previously known to the French as Beausejour, situated on the isthmus connecting Nova Scotia with the mainland, was captured by English forces, and received the name Fort Cumberland, in honor of the Duke of Cum-

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 94:161, 454; 96:441; 94:334; 96:129, 297; 97:14; 98:41, 211a, 211, 206a, 446; 99:95.

<sup>2</sup> Copies have been made

<sup>3</sup> Founder of Fryeburg, Me.

berland, the brutal victor of Culloden, then popular in the colonies. A fort in Maryland was also so named, as were the Cumberland Mountains at a later date. From Fort Cumberland in Nova Scotia the provincial forces were despatched on the unwelcome errand to deport the inhabitants of Grand Pre.

After its occupation by the English forces, Beausejour, or Fort Cumberland, though isolated from the important movements of the campaigns against Louisburg and Quebec, had some importance as a point of vantage from which the English could exercise control over the disaffected Acadians, and guard to some extent against Jesuit intrigues with the Indians. It served as a point from which information of the condition of the country could be transmitted to Halifax. In Parkman's "Montcalm and Wolfe" II, 181, there is a passage setting forth the conditions of life in winter at this frontier post, and describing the arrival of the troops under the command of Colonel Frye.

"Captain John Knox of the 43d regiment had spent the winter in garrison at Fort Cumberland, on the hill of Beausejour. For nearly two years he and his comrades had been exiles among the wilds of Nova Scotia, and the monotonous inaction was becoming insupportable. The great marsh of Tantemar on the one side, and that of Missaguash on the other, two vast tracts of glaring snow, bounded by dark hills of spruce and fir, were hateful to their sight. Shooting, fishing or skating was a dangerous relief, for the neighborhood was infested by "vermin," as they called the Acadians and their Micmac allies. In January four soldiers and a ranger were waylaid not far from the fort, disabled by bullets and then scalped alive. They were found the next morning in the snow, contorted in the agonies of death, and frozen like marble statues. St. Patrick's Day brought more cheerful excitements. The Irish officers of the garrison gave their companions a feast, having laid in during the autumn a stock of frozen provisions, that the festival of their saint might be duly honored. All was hilarity at Fort Cumberland, where it is reported that punch to the value of twelve pounds sterling, with a corresponding supply of wine and beer, was consumed on this joyous occasion.

About the middle of April a schooner came up the bay, bringing letters that filled men and officers with delight. The regiment was ordered to hold itself ready to embark for Louisburg and join an expedition to the St. Lawrence, under the command of Major-General Wolfe. All that afternoon the soldiers were shouting and cheering in their barracks; and when they mustered at the evening roll-call there was another burst of huzzas. They waited in expectancy nearly three weeks, and then the transports which were to carry them arrived, bringing the provincials who had been hastily raised



in New England to take their place. These Knox describes as a mean-looking set of fellows, of all ages and sizes, and without any kind of discipline; adding that their officers are sober, modest men, who though of confined ideas, talk very clearly and sensibly, and made a decent appearance in blue faced with scarlet, though the privates have no uniform at all.

At last the 43d set sail, the cannon of the fort saluting them, and the soldiers cheering lustily, overjoyed to escape from their long imprisonment."

In 1762 Benjamin Holden sold his lands in Dedham<sup>1</sup> and removed to Princeton, having purchased 86 acres there, in the western part of the town, in the form of an L, on which there were buildings. The deed was dated 18 June.<sup>2</sup> He was commissioned captain of the Princeton company, 3d Worcester regiment, Colonel John Murray, 18 Feb., 1767.<sup>3</sup> He was named in March, 1774, one of seven members of a committee of correspondence for the town, to communicate with similar committees in other towns, to give the earliest intelligence which might be discovered concerning acts against the rights of the people. He had previously been selectman, 1764, 1769, 1773, and after his return from the army was again selectman, 1781, 1782, 1790, 1791. In 1773 he was assessor of taxes.

In October, 1774, he was chosen a delegate to the Provincial Congress.

He responded to the Lexington Alarm, and served five days, following with an enlistment 24 April, retaining his rank as lieutenant-colonel, which he held in Doolittle's regiment of militia.<sup>4</sup>

He was in command, as lieutenant-colonel, of his regiment at Bunker Hill, and later proceeded to New York. His command was detached by Washington, 14 Nov., 1776, to reenforce Fort Washington, where he was wounded and taken prisoner, and held by the British from 16 Nov., 1776 to 28 May, 1778.<sup>5</sup>

His name appears on the rolls of Hutchinson's regiment 1 Jan., 1777 to 25 May, 1778, being in August, 1777, reported as prisoner on Long Island. The preceding June his petition, with fifteen other officers, addressed to the General Court, was considered in Council. They represented themselves as "now prisoners on parole, on Long Island, urged by pressing necessity, not having received supplies from the Continental Congress, to ask Massachusetts for supplies to enable them to support the character of officers and gentlemen." Colonel Hutchinson addressed a similar petition to the General Court in their behalf in August.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Suffolk Deeds, 96:170; 98:203; 104:156.

<sup>2</sup> Worcester Deeds, 55:241.

<sup>3</sup> Council records.

<sup>4</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>5</sup> Certificate of Francis Dewitt, Secretary of State for Massachusetts, 28 Feb., 1856.

<sup>6</sup> Archives, 214:91; 248:318, 319.



His depreciation pay was settled by a special act of the General Court, 6 Feb., 1783.

Colonel Holden's sword, uniform coat and commission remain in possession of descendants.

The dwelling house, erected by Colonel Holden when he settled in Princeton, was torn down in 1900. It was removed from its original site about 1860, and used as a carriage shed. It was a story and a half, of good dimensions, and well finished, a typical house of that period. A cellar extended under the whole house. The studs were about eight feet. The attic under the roof was divided into two rooms. The rafters holding the roof were about three feet apart and the boarding ran crosswise. The windows had twenty-four lights, each about seven by nine inches. The posts all showed in the rooms, but had no flare at top. The big chimney in the center of the house afforded a fireplace which would admit a four-foot log as big round as a flour barrel. The parlor and kitchen, at opposite corners, each had a large fireplace, and in the kitchen was one of the old-fashioned deep ovens. Mr. Holden said that in olden times in one corner of the kitchen was a bed, and in the living room off the kitchen, at the right of the entry way, was also a bed. The corresponding corner, back of the parlor, was a bedroom. There was no lathing and plaster in the kitchen, elsewhere chestnut lathes. The stairs to the attic and to the cellar were in the large kitchen, and at the end of the entry way, against the chimney, was a closet. There were three outside doors, made of wide boards, and each with latch and string. Wainscotting about three and one-half feet wide extended about every room. The house was nearly square, and had a smaller one story wing, with no floor under the roof, into which ox sleds were driven, and on occasion the oxen shoed. At times an ox would be driven into the kitchen.

The floor joists were logs squared on the sides, and the cellar stairs were blocks of wood, resting on stringers made of squared logs. It was a large roomy house, suited to the times.<sup>1</sup>

2172 CAPTAIN SAMUEL (*William, Samuel, Justinian*), born 26 Nov., 1737, at Bridgewater; died 27 April, 1808, at Dorchester; married 27 Dec., 1759,<sup>2</sup> HANNAH KELTON, born 18 Sept., 1738,<sup>2</sup> died 26 March, 1829,<sup>2</sup> daughter of Edward and Mary (Paul) Kelton.

Children, born at Dorchester:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 MARY, born 11 Sept., 1760; died 25 Aug., 1833; married 21 Aug., 1780,<sup>2</sup> ENOCH FENNO of Milton, born 23 March, 1755, died 19 Sept., 1796, son of Isaac and Maria (Davenport) Fenno.<sup>2</sup> He served in the army during the Revolution.

<sup>1</sup> Statement of John Holden, 1906. Mr. Henry F. Waters well remembered this old house with the antique arrangements and furnishings, where in his youth he frequently visited.

<sup>2</sup> Dorchester records. The baptisms of this branch of the family appear in *N. E. Hist. Geneal. Reg.* vols. 68, 69. Dates from gravestones are from report, 1904, Boston Cemetery Department.

Children, born at Dorchester:<sup>1</sup>

1. Jeremiah Fenno, born 14 Feb., 1783.
2. Maria Fenno, born 20 March, 1785.
3. Lucy Fenno, born 1 Sept., 1789.
4. Andrew Fenno, born 11 March, 1791.
5. Jarvis Fenno, born March, 1794.
6. Enoch Fenno, born 23 Dec., 1796.
7. Spencer Fenno.

- 2 HANNAH, born 12 Feb., 1763; died 18 Dec., 1832; married 5 April, 1781,<sup>1</sup> JOHN MELLISH, born 12 Dec., 1758, died 24 June, 1824. son of Samuel and Sarah (Stetson) Mellish.<sup>2</sup>

Children, born at Dorchester:<sup>2</sup>

1. Hannah Mellish, born 16 Aug., 1781; married 15 March, 1807, SAMUEL B. LYON.
  2. Eunice Mellish, born 1 April, 1783.
  3. Phineas Mellish, born 26 Jan., 1785.
  4. Nancy Mellish, born 5 Jan., 1787.
  5. Lydia Mellish, born 11 May, 1789.
  6. Polly Mellish, born 9 Sept., 1791.
  7. Elizabeth Mellish, born 21 Sept., 1793.
  8. Lydia Mellish, born 5 May, 1795.
  9. Hester Mellish, born 18 Feb., 1797.
  10. John Mellish, born 4 Feb., 1801; died 4 Sept., 1875, at Auburn, Mass.; married 16 Oct., 1823, CYRENE SMITH, born 16 Oct., 1800, at Walpole, died 29 Dec., 1867, at Auburn, daughter of Peter and Nellie (Parmenter) Smith. He was known as "Esquire". Among his sons were Rev. John Hyrcanus Mellish and David Batcheller Mellish, M. C. for New York City in 1873.
- 3-3 SAMUEL, born 10 April, 1765; died 12 July, 1826; married RUTH DANIELS.
- 4 JUSTINIAN, born 19 July, 1767; died 5 (15, *g.s.*<sup>3</sup>), Oct., 1801, of yellow fever, at Norfolk, Va.; married SUSANNAH BUTTS, who died 13 April, 1841, aged 72 years (*g.s.*). He was one of the executors of the will of his uncle Phineas Holden of Norwich, and inherited several pieces of family silver.
- 5-5 EDWARD, born 30 Aug., 1769; died 16 Nov., 1823; married ANNA PAYSON.
- 6 ZERUAH, born 20 May, 1772; died 12 Sept., 1816;<sup>1</sup> married 1 Nov., 1791,<sup>1</sup> EPHRAIM DAVENPORT, born 24 Aug., 1767,<sup>1</sup> died July, 1842, son of Isaac and Mary Davenport. He married, second, MRS. SUSANNAH L. (TOLMAN) HOLDEN (21734). Children, born at Dorchester:<sup>1</sup>
1. Oliver Davenport, born 29 Nov., 1794.
  2. Asa Davenport, born Dec., 1796.
  3. Jesse Davenport, born Aug., 1801; died 22 Dec., 1812.

<sup>1</sup> Dorchester records. The baptisms of this branch of the family appear in *N. E. Hist. General. Reg.* vols. 68, 69. Dates from gravestones are from report, 1904, Boston Cemetery Department.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, quoting *Glover Memorial* and *Hastings Memorial*.

<sup>3</sup> Dr. Phineas Holden noted in his record "1801. We heard of Justinian's death October 27. Justinian died the fifteenth." See *N. E. Hist. General. Reg.*, v. 49.

4. Harriet Davenport, born Nov., 1803.
5. Ambrose Davenport, born Feb., 1806.
6. Zeruiah Davenport, born Oct., 1808.
- 7 SUSANNAH, born 11 Sept., 1774; died 1 Sept., 1849;<sup>1</sup> married 30 April, 1798, JOSHUA GLOVER, born 11 March, 1771, at Milton; died 29 March, 1813, killed in action,<sup>2</sup> son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Swift) Glover.<sup>2</sup>  
Children, born at Dorchester:<sup>2</sup>
  1. Nancy Holden Glover, born 5 Sept., 1798; died 24 Aug., 1863; married 1 Oct., 1829, ELIJAH MARBLE GREENWOOD.
  2. Elizabeth Swift Glover, born 8 Aug., 1801; died 1865.
  3. Susannah Holden Glover, born 18 Jan., 1804; married 8 Jan., 1826, HORATIO WOOD of Boston.
  4. Hannah Glover, born 7 March, 1807.
- 8-8 WILLIAM, born 1 Dec., 1777; died Oct., 1827; married JANE CROSBY.
- 9 ELIZABETH, born 28 Jan., 1782; married 6 (5) Oct., 1800, DEACON JOSEPH ARNOLD of Dorchester.<sup>2</sup>  
Children:<sup>2</sup>
  1. Elizabeth Arnold, born 1801.
  2. Mary Arnold, born 27 Aug., 1803.
  3. James Arnold, born 21 June, 1805.
  4. Jane Arnold, born 11 June, 1807; married JOHN L. MEADER.
  5. Joseph Arnold, born 26 March, 1809; married 4 April, 1833, MARY ANN HASTINGS, born 1 April, 1812, daughter of Jonathan and Nancy Hastings. Lived at West Roxbury.
- 10 LUCY, born 30 July, 1784; married 6 Sept., 1804, JOSIAH CUSHING of Boston, formerly of Hingham.

The census of 1790 enumerated Samuel Holden as head of a family consisting of self, another male over sixteen, one male under sixteen, and four females.

Samuel Holden enlisted 4 March, 1776, in a company commanded by Captain Lemuel Clap, Colonel Gill's regiment; discharged 8 March, 1776; the purpose of the enlistment being to participate in the occupation of Dorchester Heights. He also served in the same company, which was the first Dorchester company, from 14 March to 26 March, 1776, covering the period of the evacuation of Boston by the British. There is a record of men detached from Colonel Gill's regiment for service under Captain Armstrong in an expedition to Rhode Island, year not given. Among the names of the privates is that of Samuel Holden. Warrant allowed in Council, August, 1782,<sup>3</sup> for 27 days service. If this record pertains to Captain Samuel Holden, the time was probably prior to June, 1780, but it may relate to his son Samuel.

Early in the summer of 1780 reinforcements for the Continental

<sup>1</sup> Dorchester records. The baptisms of this branch of the family appear in *N. E. Hist. Genear. Reg.* vols. 68, 69. Dates from gravestones are from report, 1904, Boston Cemetery Department.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* quoting *Glover Memorial* and *Hastings Memorial*.

<sup>3</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

Army for three months were called for, and Samuel Holden commanded a company in Colonel Thayer's Suffolk regiment, which engaged 28 June, 1780, and served until discharged 10 Oct., 1780, at West Point and elsewhere.<sup>1</sup> If this record pertains to Samuel Holden claimed £1-14-4 damages by American troops at Dorchester, 1776.

2173 WILLIAM (*William, Samuel, Justinian*), born 30 Oct., 1739, at Bridgewater; died 17 Dec. (14, *g.s.*), 1819,<sup>2</sup> at Dorchester; married 27 Dec., 1764, SUSANNAH HUMPHREYS, born 1 Dec., 1742, died 15 Oct., 1815, "aged 74," daughter of John and Ruth Humphrey.<sup>2</sup>

Children, born at Dorchester:<sup>3</sup>

1 SUSANNA, born 25 Sept., 1765; died 25 Dec., 1765 (*g.s.*).

2 RUTH, born 12 June, 1768; married 13 Nov., 1794,<sup>2</sup> BENJAMIN DOLBEAR TOLMAN, born 25 June, 1770; died 27 Aug., 1752, son of Elijah and Experience Tolman.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1. Elijah Tolman, born 21 June, 1796; married ELIZA MARY HUNT, who died 11 April, 1836, aged 42.

2. Susanna Tolman, born 11 April, 1798; married 29 Aug., 1824, WILLIAM R. SIMPSON of Belfast, Me.

3. Benjamin Tolman, born 8 Feb., 1801.

4. William Holden Tolman, born 12 Sept., 1802; died 14 Oct., 1803.

5. Mary Tolman, born 1804.

6. William Holden Tolman, born Sept., 1806.

3 LYDIA, born 2 Feb., 1771; died 5 March, 1839;<sup>2</sup> married 31 Jan., 1790, ELISHA TURNER, died 2 June, 1825.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1. Son, born 28 June, 1791.

2. Lydia Turner, born 24 July, 1792; d. y.

3. David Turner, twin with Lydia; d. y.

4. Mason Turner, born 13 Jan., 1794; d. y.

5. Lydia Turner, born 25 June, 1795.

6. Mason Turner, born 4 March, 1799.

7. Lucy Turner, born 2 Sept., 1803.<sup>4</sup>

8. Ann Turner, born Nov., 1805.<sup>4</sup>

4-4 STEPHEN, born 25 Sept., 1778; died 14 Sept., 1810 (*g.s.*); married SUSANNAH L. TOLMAN, sister of Benjamin D. Tolman above.

5 NATHANIEL, born 5 Oct., 1781; died 9 Aug., 1805.<sup>2</sup>

The names of William Holden, Senior and Junior, appear on the Alarm List of the 1st Independent Company in Dorchester, Captain Estes Hatch, 15 March, 1758.

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>2</sup> Dorchester records. The baptisms of this branch of the family appear in *N. E. Hist. Geneal. Reg.* vols. 68, 69. Dates from gravestones are from report, 1904, Boston Cemetery Department.

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> Dr. Phineas Holden's account book.



The following service record probably appertains to this man:

William Holden of Wrentham enlisted 30 March, 1759, in regiment of Colonel Samuel Miller, raised for the invasion of Canada under Amherst, aged 18; master, Samuel Scott; served until 13 May, 1760, at St. Johns, in company of Captain Moses Curtis in Colonel Frye's regiment at Nova Scotia. Enlisted 20 May, mustered 24 May, and served until 27 Nov., 1760, in company commanded by Captain Ebenezer Cox Miller's regiment; age 20, born in Walpole, master, Samuel Scott.<sup>1</sup>

He was commissioned adjutant, October, 1767, in the 4th Suffolk regiment of militia, Colonel Nathaniel Hatch.<sup>2</sup> He responded to the Lexington Alarm, 19 April, 1775, with the company of Captain Ebenezer Withington, and served nine days. He enlisted 4 March, 1776, in Captain Lemuel Clapp's company, Colonel Gill's regiment, and took part in the occupation of Dorchester Heights. He was released the 8 March, but volunteered again on the 14 March, was appointed adjutant in the same regiment, and was discharged 26 March, 1776.<sup>3</sup>

2175 PHINEAS (*William, Samuel, Justinian*), born 31 Jan., 1743-4, at Dorchester; died 27 Nov., 1818;<sup>4</sup> married 30 Sept., 1766, at Dorchester, THANKFUL BAKER, born 7 Oct., 1744, died 15 April, 1819,<sup>4</sup> daughter of John and Sarah (Wiswall) Baker, cousin of the wife of Jonathan Holden.<sup>5</sup>

Children, born at Dorchester:<sup>6</sup>

- 1 LOIS, born 10 Jan., 1767; died 1 Oct., 1856; married 5 May, 1799, BENJAMIN WHITE of Boston, formerly of Mansfield, died 24 March, 1829, aged 62,<sup>4</sup> son of Ebenezer White of Norton.

Children:<sup>6</sup>

1. Child, born 19 Dec., 1801.
2. Child, born 19 Jan., 1805.
- 2 PATTY, born 28 Nov., 1776; died 5 April, 1864; married 1 May, 1796, SAMUEL GLOVER, born 29 March, 1770; died 13 Dec., 1837, at South Boston, son of Enoch and Susannah (Bird) Glover; (2) 8 Aug., 1838, EZEKIEL HOLDEN (21764); (3) DEACON EBENEZER CLAPP of Dorchester, who died 6 March, 1860, in his eighty-ninth year. In early life she was known as the "Dorchester beauty," and retained her charming bearing through life.

Children:

1. Martha Holden Glover, born 11 Aug., 1797; died 12 Feb., 1855, at Cincinnati, Ohio; married 12 Sept., 1824, SAMUEL DAVIS, JR.
2. Daughter, twin with Martha, died 18 Aug., 1797.

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 97:149; 98:132b, 156, 285, 455.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 99:70.

<sup>3</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>4</sup> Interments in tomb of Dr. P. Holden, fourth report Cemetery Department.

<sup>5</sup> *N. E. Hist. Geneal. Rep.*, 43:284.

<sup>6</sup> Record of Phineas Holden.

3. Phineas Holden Glover, born 16 Oct., 1807; married 31 March, 1833, MARY CARLTON of Portland. Lived at Calais, Me.
- 3 BETSEY, born 7 Nov., 1778; died prior to 1808; married 12 May, 1805,<sup>1</sup> SEWELL WHITE of Boston, formerly of Mansfield, son of Ebenezer White.  
Child:<sup>1</sup>
  1. Child, born 18 Sept., 1805.

There is in existence a manuscript volume containing records of Justice Courts held by William Holden, Esquire, 1767-1774; and used by his son Phineas to note his professional visits, 1798-1811, and from 1793 to 1813, many vital statistics concerning his own family and friends and patients.<sup>2</sup>

In 1790 Doctor Phineas Holden was head of a family consisting of self and five females.

Doctor Holden was a successful practitioner in Dorchester and vicinity. In October, 1775, he served as surgeon in the regiment commanded by Colonel Timothy Walker, and in 1778 had charge of the hospital established for the inoculation of smallpox. He was awarded £8-10-0 damages done by American troops in 1776. The town voted him the liberty of establishing a hospital at Dorchester Neck (South Boston) 2 Nov., 1792.

2176 JONATHAN (*William, Samuel, Justinian*), of Dorchester, born there 21 Dec., 1745; died about 1790, at Montreal, ["He left Dorchester late in life in search of better prospects, and died on the journey; he never was heard from in a reliable way."]<sup>3</sup>; married 14 July, 1768, MARY ANN BAKER, born 17 March, 1750, died 23 Sept., 1792, of the smallpox, daughter of James and Priscilla (Paul) Baker<sup>4</sup> of Dorchester. The census of 1790 enumerated his widow as head of a family of three females. She married, second, 23 Feb., 1792, John Pierce, (his third wife).<sup>4</sup>

Jonathan Holden was a farmer. He served in the company commanded by Captain Ebenezer Withington, mustered 19 April, 1775, and credited with six days service. Also from 14 to 26 March, 1776, in Captain Clap's company in Gill's regiment. He was in the service at a later date, although the State Archives do not mention his enlistment, for Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Pierce wrote from Morristown, N. J., under date of 10 March, 1777, "Jonathan Holden of Dorchester has the measles but is like to do well."<sup>5</sup> In 1784 he went to Montreal, but returned.

Children:

- 1-1 JAMES, born 1 Sept., 1768; died 25 Oct., 1849; married ABIGAIL DIX.

<sup>1</sup> Record of Phineas Holden.

<sup>2</sup> *N. E. Hist. Geneal. Reg.*, 49:153.

<sup>3</sup> Letter of D. L. Holden, a grandson, dated 5 June, 1877.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*. See *N. E. Hist. Geneal. Reg.*, 43:284.

<sup>5</sup> *History of Dorchester*, p. 347.

- 2-2 JOHN, born 3 Nov., 1770; died 13 May, 1857; married SARAH CLAPP;  
(2) RHODA SUMNER.
- 3 MARY ANN, born 5 Feb., 1773; died 26 June, 1833; married 4 Dec.,  
1788, GEORGE HOWE of Dorchester; born 6 July 1769, died 16  
Aug., 1828, daughter of Honorable John and Rachel (Glover)  
Howe.  
Child:  
1. Abigail Glover Howe, born 19 March, 1790; married 23 Aug.,  
1812, THOMAS VOSE of Boston.<sup>1</sup>
- 4-4 EZEKIEL, born 11 March, 1775; died 20 Feb., 1847; married SARAH  
LE CAIN; (2) MRS. PATTY (HOLDEN) GLOVER, (2175-2).
- 5 PRISCILLA, born 22 March, 1777; died 23 Jan., 1822; married 6 Nov.,  
1803, DEACON JOHN CLAPP of Roxbury, born 11 Sept., 1764, at  
Dorchester, died 23 Sept., 1840, at Roxbury, son of Noah Clapp.  
Children:<sup>2</sup>  
1. Lucy Clapp, born 19 July, 1804; married OTIS WITHINGTON.  
2. Edward Clapp, born 18 May, 1807; drowned 28 July, 1826, at  
Thompson's Island.  
3. John Clapp, born 25 Sept., 1809; drowned 28 July, 1826.  
4. James B. Clapp, born 20 Sept., 1812.  
5. Jane Clapp, born 27 April, 1816; died 11 Feb., 1853;<sup>3</sup> married  
MOSES WITHINGTON, brother of Otis above.
- 6 SUSANNA, born 18 March, 1779; married 19 March, 1815, SAMUEL  
CLAPP, born 20 Sept., 1771; died 21 Aug., 1834, son of Samuel and  
Elizabeth (Foster) Clapp.<sup>2</sup>  
Children:<sup>2</sup>  
1. Susannah B. Clapp, born 16 June, 1816; died 12 Sept., 1817.  
2. Susannah B. Clapp, born 8 Sept., 1817; married WILLIAM  
GORDON.  
3. Samuel Adams Clapp, born 29 Aug., 1819; married MERCY  
NICKERSON.  
4. Caroline Clapp, born 5 May, 1821; married CHARLES  
WOODWARD; (2) CHARLES LEEDS.  
5. Timothy Clapp, born 24 Sept., 1822; married ——— NICKERSON,  
and removed to Stoughton.
- 7 LUCY, born 18 June, 1781; died 25 Oct., 1831; married 11 April, 1812,  
MAJOR SAMUEL PAYSON, born 27 Sept., 1767; died 20 Aug., 1847,  
son of Samuel and Ann (Robinson) Payson of Dorchester. This  
was his third marriage. He bought the homestead of Jonathan  
and Dr. Phineas Holden, built for them by their father. In 1863  
Mrs. Patty (Holden) Clapp (2175-2) was living in this house.<sup>2</sup>  
Children:<sup>2</sup>  
1. Samuel Trescott Payson, born 22 Oct., 1816; married 3 Oct.,  
1839, LUCINDA THAYER; (2) Feb., 1856, SARAH SMITH  
PHILBRICK.  
2. John Baker Payson, born 1818. Of Dorchester.  
3. Thomas Payson, born 13 March, 1822; died 28 July, 1877, in

<sup>1</sup> Glover Genealogy.<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden Ms. See Clapp Memorial<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden Ms.

Florida; married 13 May, 1852, MELINDA P. BLAKE. Lived in Dorchester.

4. Henry Payson, born 22 April, 1824; died 20 Nov., 1859, at Dorchester; married 3 July, 1849, MARGARET ANN RICHARDSON.

8 HANNAH, born 6 June, 1783; married 27 Oct., 1820, SAMUEL TOPLIFF of Dorchester, H. C. 1795, who died 1845.

2212 JOHN (*John, John, Justinian*), born 28 Jan., 1731-2, at Concord; died October, 1785, at Eastbury, Conn., "aged 73"; married SUSANNA ELLSWORTH.

Children:

1 AMOS, born 1763 at Glastonbury. His name appears on the "size roll" of Captain Rogers' company, 3d Conn. regiment, a native and resident of Glastonbury, enlisted for Bolton, aged 20 years, dark complexion, gray eyes, light hair; enlisted 15 June, 1782. He was in the service in Feb., 1784.<sup>1</sup>

4 April, 1818. Amos Holden of Glastonbury declared that he served on the Continental establishment, Connecticut line, about eighteen months. He entered the service 7 July, 1782,<sup>2</sup> for three years, and faithfully served until after the peace in December, 1783, when he was honorably discharged at West Point. He belonged to Captain Dorrance's company and Colonel Samuel B. Webb's regiment, before the peace, and afterwards he belonged to Captain Wells' company in the same regiment.

28 December, 1820, personally appeared Amos Holden, aged 68 years, resident in Salisbury. He enlisted at Glastonbury, for eight months, about the commencement of 1780, in company commanded by Captain Dorrance and in regiment commanded by Colonel Sherman; in July 1780, according to his best recollection, before his first period of service had expired, he again enlisted as a private under the late Baron Steuben at the Highlands, for the term of three years and was placed in a company of infantry commanded by Colonel Samuel Webb, in the Connecticut line; he continued in said Webb's regiment, and was honorably discharged at West Point. On the fourth day of April, 1818, he made an application for and received a pension certificate (14,619) dated 11 Sept., 1819.

And further declares that from age and infirmities he can do but very little labour, and has no wife or children or family, and no estate of any description excepting his clothing, is wholly dependent on his labour as a farmer for support, and has no trade or profession.

1 Sept., 1825. Simeon Sage,<sup>3</sup> brother-in-law of Amos Holden, in 1802 gave a bond to indemnify the town of Salisbury from all expences that might accrue to them from Holden. He was induced to give said bond to prevent the removal of Holden from Salisbury; he did not receive anything as a consideration. Holden is now poor and has not had any property since he had known him, which is more than thirty years. He never received any property from his father, who was a poor man. He has been of rather weak intellect and incapable of taking care of himself.

Salisbury, 30 Jan., 1827. Amos Holden of Sheffield, Mass., formerly of company commanded by Captains Wells and Darran in regiments commanded by Colonels Webb and Sherman, says that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Connecticut, from whence he lately removed to Massachusetts, where he intends to remain, and wishes

<sup>1</sup> *Conn. Hist. Soc. Col.* 8:94, 103, 131.

<sup>2</sup> He enlisted 7 April, 1782, in the 1st Connecticut regiment.

<sup>3</sup> Simeon Sage married a sister of Amos Holden. Letter of Honorable Samuel Church of Salisbury to Honorable John Calhoun, Secretary of War.



his pension to be payable; his reasons for removing to Massachusetts are to live with his brother-in-law, Simeon Saxe (*sic*), to be supported and protected by him, who lives in Sheffield.

In 1818 Amos Holden was on the pension roll, as having served in the Massachusetts line, nine months or more, and living in Connecticut.

- 2 JOHN, baptized 27 May, 1769, at Eastbury;<sup>1</sup> married 18 May, 1794, at Eastbury, SARAH WELDEN, baptized 7 Feb., 1773, at Eastbury, daughter of Peleg Welden.

Child:

1. Child, died 20 Nov., 1794, aged four hours.

- 3 JUDAH, married in autumn of 1784, at Eastbury, ISAAC LOVELAND. Did she or an unrecorded sister marry Simeon Sage?

- 4 SIMEON, "son of John and Susanna," died 29 Sept., 1779, at Eastbury.

John Holden enlisted 15 April, 1755, and served until the 8 October following, as drummer in company and regiment commanded by Colonel Elizur Goodrich. While in the service his estate appears to have been attached for debt, May, 1755, and to satisfy the judgment he gave as security a deed to his house and shop and an acre of land, but in May, 1756 was obliged to obtain authority from the General Assembly to force the return of his security upon payment of the debt. He also served sixteen days in a troop of horse commanded by Captain Elizur Talcott of Glastonbury, which marched in August, 1757, on the alarm to reënforce the army at Fort Edward. He also served from 7 May to 31 Oct., 1758, in company commanded by Captain Samuel Gaylord of Middletown, and again in the same command the following year.<sup>2</sup> He was that year styled John Holden, junior, of Glastonbury. In October, 1762, he petitioned the General Assembly for wages due him for his service, which petition was granted.

He enlisted 8 May, 1777, for eight months, in 3d regiment Connecticut line; was discharged the 1 Jan., 1778; and reënlisted the 3 March, for three years. On the 1 April, 1781, he was transferred to the Invalid Corps, commanded by Colonel Lewis Nicola, and served until discharged 23 April, 1783.<sup>3</sup>

John Holden was living in Glastonbury in 1756 and in 1762.<sup>4</sup> In 1758 both John Holden and John Holden, Jr., are named as proprietors. There may have been other children than those listed above as in 1790 John Holden was enumerated at Glastonbury, head of family consisting of self, two other males over sixteen, and one female. Probably the son, although unmarried, is intended, and with whom doubtless his mother was living.

<sup>1</sup> Eastbury Society in Glastonbury was incorporated 1731, but the records prior to 1768 are lost. Later records are printed in *N. E. Hist. Geneal. Reg.*, vol. 60 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> *Conn. Hist. Soc. Col.*, 9:22, 229; 12:114.

<sup>3</sup> *Connecticut in the Revolution.*

<sup>4</sup> *Colonial Records of Connecticut*, 10:509; 12:114, in each case described as John Holden, Jr.

2214 JONATHAN (*John, John, Justinian*), born 6 Oct., 1734, at Concord; died 4 June, 1794, at Eastbury, Conn., aged 56 years;<sup>1</sup> married 25 Nov., 1762, RACHEL HOLLISTER, born 1738,<sup>1</sup> (?1734), died 6 Nov., 1811, aged 77 (described as the "widow Holden," daughter of Gideon and Rachel (Talcott) Hollister.<sup>1</sup>

Children, born at Glastonbury, baptized at Eastbury parish:<sup>2</sup>

1 ROGER, 1763.<sup>1</sup>

2 JONATHAN, born 1766;<sup>1</sup> married 16 Aug., 1787, at Eastbury, LYDIA CHAPEL, probably daughter of Noah and Lydia Chapel. In 1790 enumerated at Glastonbury as head of a family consisting of self and three females.

3 RACHEL, born 1768;<sup>1</sup> married 21 Feb., 1790, at Eastbury, WILLIAM HOLLISTER, born 6 Jan., 1763, son of Joseph and Rebecca (Treat) Hollister.<sup>1</sup> He was a tanner, and lived at Middle Granville, and later at Connewango, N. Y.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

1. William Hollister.

2. Ann Hollister.

3. Sarah Hollister.

4. Emma Hollister.

5. Melissa Hollister.

4 SAMUEL, baptized 24 Feb., 1771.

5 DAUGHTER, died Feb., 1775.

6 GIDEON, born 1773; died 1775. Perhaps there is an error reporting a daughter died in 1775.

7 JOSIAH, baptized 22 April, 1776.

8 DAVID, baptized 27 June, 1779.

9 REBECCA, baptized 4 May, 1782.

10 ELIZABETH, baptized 11 Sept., 1785.

K-11 SILAS, baptized 29 July, 1789; married SARAH HOSMER.

Jonathan Holden accompanied his father and brother to Glastonbury. He enlisted in a troop of horse commanded by Captain Talcott, and marched in August, 1757, to reënforce the army at Fort Edward, but served only sixteen days. He again enlisted 24 May, 1759, and served until 15 December, in company commanded by Captain Sheldon, and was sergeant in Captain David Hubbard's company, Lyman's regiment, 24 March to 25 Nov., 1760.<sup>3</sup> He and his wife Rachel joined the church at Eastbury, 14 Oct., 1781. In 1790 he was enumerated at Glastonbury as head of a family consisting of self, two males under sixteen and two females.

2225 DANIEL (*Daniel, John, Justinian*), born 22 May, 1732, at Concord; died 21 Jan., 1803, at Concord,<sup>4</sup> his gravestone adds "aged

<sup>1</sup> *Hollister Genealogy*, pp. 88, 105. The widow of Jonathan Holden is there said to have married — Holmes.

<sup>2</sup> Records of Eastbury Society in Glastonbury (incorporated 1731) lost prior to 1768, after which the are printed in *N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg.*, 60, *et seq.*

<sup>3</sup> *Conn. Hist. Soc. Col.*, 9, 12.

<sup>4</sup> Concord records.

71"; married 14 Dec., 1769, at Concord,<sup>1</sup> MILLICENT HOSMER, born 16 May, 1744,<sup>1</sup> died 15 Oct., 1821, aet. 77 (*g.s.*), daughter of Stephen and Millicent Hosmer.

Children, born at Concord:<sup>1</sup>

1 STEPHEN, born 20 March, 1771; married 9 Nov., 1797, PATTY MILES.<sup>1</sup>

2 DANIEL, born 17 Aug., 1773.

3 MILLY, born 1774; died 26 Feb., 1860, aged 86, unmarried.

4-4 TILLY, born 1784; died 7 March, 1860; married MARY POTTER; (2) SUSAN (EUSTIS?).

Daniel Holden, enlisted 11 June (1755), served until 28 Oct. (1755), as sergeant in company commanded by Captain Solomon Keyes in the Crown Point expedition. (See under Aaron Holden.) His name also appears on alarm list of men in Major John Minot's company of Concord, 12 April, 1757.<sup>2</sup>

Daniel Holden, Jr., was a member of a troop of horse commanded by Captain Charles Prescott. Roll dated 23 April, 1757.<sup>2</sup> He was enumerated at Concord in 1790, head of a family consisting of self, two other males over sixteen, three under sixteen, and three females.

Daniel Holden, Jr., purchased 4 June, 1771, of Daniel Holden, his father, "for £120 lawful money paid by my son, one-half the lands hereafter described, the other half I formerly [9 Feb., 1762] conveyed to said Daniel Holden by a deed of gift with the buildings thereon standing, all being in the southerly part of Concord, viz.: my house lot forty acres bounded westerly on a town way, northerly on land of Stephen Hosmer and Stephen Hosmer, Jr., easterly on Ebenezer Jones, southerly on ——— Jones, with the whole of my recent dwelling house and half of the barn, also half of six acres in Fairhaven meadow, bounded northerly on Ensign Charles Miles, westerly on Abel Miles, easterly on Concord River."<sup>3</sup>

2227 SAMUEL (*Daniel, John, Justinian*), born 16 Dec., 1740<sup>4</sup> (16 Nov., 1739<sup>5</sup>), at Concord; died 18 March, 1820 (*g.s.*), at New Ipswich,<sup>4</sup> N. H.; married 21 July, 1768,<sup>4</sup> at Concord,<sup>5</sup> SARAH HOSMER, born 21 Sept., 1743<sup>5</sup> (23 Sept., 1744<sup>4</sup>), at Concord, died 31 Dec., 1814 (*g.s.*), at New Ipswich, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Hosmer.<sup>5</sup>

Samuel Holden was a carpenter and farmer. In 1763 he removed to New Ipswich. Four years later he united with others to build a temporary meeting house. He held various town offices. He left a will dated 7 Sept., 1819, proved 8 June, 1820. He named daughters

<sup>1</sup> Concord records.

<sup>2</sup> Archives, 94:101; 95:308, 325.

<sup>3</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 71:536.

<sup>4</sup> Family Bible of Samuel Holden in possession of Miss Helen Wilson. This Bible contains the records of the family of Peter and Beulah Holden, and of Samuel's children, etc. It is supposed that at the death of Beulah her husband gave the Bible to his brother, who probably had named his son for the lately deceased son of Peter. See 223.

<sup>5</sup> Concord records.

Sarah Knowlton and Betsy Holden, son Samuel Holden, and grandchildren Ira, Amos, Eliza Ann, Edward, Reuben.<sup>1</sup> The last named, children of Reuben, deceased, being minors under fourteen years were placed under guardianship of Nathaniel Gould of New Ipswich, 19 Oct., 1814.

Children,<sup>2</sup> born at New Ipswich:

- 1 SAMUEL, born 17 Jan., 1769; died 4 March, 1860 (*g.s.*) at New Ipswich,<sup>3</sup> unmarried. He was a carpenter and farmer, and still active in 1852.
- 2 SARAH, born 17 April, 1771; died 15 March, 1841; married, 1796, JOHN KNOWLTON of New Ipswich, born 1766, died 12 Feb., 1838, son of Benjamin and Phila Knowlton.<sup>4</sup>  
Children:<sup>4</sup>
  1. Sally Knowlton, born 11 May, 1797.
  2. Eliza Knowlton, born 12 July, 1799.
  3. John Knowlton, born 11 May, 1802.
  4. Sophia (Sophronia) Knowlton, born 8 Sept., 1805.
  5. Elmira Knowlton, born 15 July, 1808.
- 3 - 3 REUBEN, born 21 July, 1773; died 13 Nov., 1813; married HANNAH RAYMOND or PRITCHARD.
- 4 BETSEY, born 17 Dec., 1782; died 16 Nov., 1868 (*g.s.*) at New Ipswich, unmarried.

2236 LIEUTENANT JOHN (*Peter, John, Justinian*), born 26 July,<sup>5</sup> 1753,<sup>6</sup> at Concord; died 13 March, 1828, at Leicester;<sup>7</sup> married 23 April, 1789, at Holden, ZIPPORAH HALL, died 27 Jan., 1827, "aged 56,"<sup>4</sup> daughter of Captain John Hall, a shipmaster.<sup>8</sup>

Children, born at Leicester<sup>7</sup> except the two eldest:

- 1 - 1 JOHN, born 1 June, 1789, at Holden; died 1863; married SALLY K. SMITH.<sup>5</sup>
- 2 - 2 PETER, born 25 Feb., 1790; died aged 40;<sup>8</sup> married RUTH SYLVESTER;  
(2) ELIZA PRICE.
- 3 MARY (POLLY), married 25 Dec., 1817, at Leicester, JOSEPH SYLVESTER of Leicester.  
Children, born at Leicester:<sup>7</sup>
  1. Joshua Sylvester, born 26 Sept., 1818.
  2. Margaret Chase Sylvester, born 12 Sept. 1821.
  3. Horace Earl Sylvester, born 9 April, 1824.
- 4 ABIGAIL, born 20 Jan., 1795; died 3 June, 1805, "aged 10½".<sup>8</sup>
- 5 EDMOND HALL, born 2 Dec., 1796; died young.
- 6 SILAS, born 2 June, 1798; died *s.p.* Farmer.
- 7 OLIVE, born 29 Nov., 1799; married PHILIP VINCENT of Dennis, Mass.
- 8 HANNAH, born 8 Oct., 1801; married ——— METCALF of Holden.

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> Family Bible of Samuel Holden in possession of Miss Helen Wilson. This Bible contains the records of the family of Peter and Beulah Holden, and of Samuel's children, etc. It is supposed that at the death of Beulah her husband gave the Bible to his brother, who probably had named his son for the lately deceased son of Peter. See 223.

<sup>3</sup> Hillsboro Probate.

<sup>5</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>6</sup> Concord records.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>7</sup> Leicester records.

<sup>8</sup> Information concerning this family was obtained in 1867 from Dr. Edgar Holden.



- 9-9 EDMOND HALL, born 8 May, 1804; died 1867; married SARAH MARVIN (METCALF).<sup>1</sup>
- 10 ABIGAIL, born 20 March, 1806; married ——— FREDERICS of Newark, N. J.
- K-11 ASA HALL, born 3 Sept., 1807; married ANNIE LOUISA SEYMOUR.
- 12 SUSAN HALL, born 21 Dec., 1809; died 3 Oct., 1829;<sup>2</sup> unmarried.

John Holden was a private in the company commanded by Captain Adam Wheeler in Colonel Ephraim Doolittle's regiment. His name appears on the company rolls dated 13 July, 1775, at Charlestown, and 6 Oct., 1775, at Winter Hill. According to the historian of Leicester, he arrived at camp the day before the battle of Bunker Hill and participated in that engagement. He reenlisted 1 Jan., 1776; sergeant in Wheeler's company, Colonel Thomas Nixon's (4th) regiment at Northcastle, October, 1776, to January, 1777, inclusive. He was promoted ensign 1 Jan., 1777. He served as ensign sixteen months, was promoted second lieutenant, 17 April, 1778, and in June, 1779, was attached to the light infantry company, which in 1780 was commanded by Captain Abel Holden, and was discharged December, 1782, or January, 1783. In March, 1783, he was reported as entitled to five years full pay in lieu of half pay for life, being on the rolls of the 6th Massachusetts regiment, Colonel Tupper, who had previously commanded the 10th, in which served John Holden of Stoneham. Lieutenant John Holden was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati. He should not be confounded with Captain John Holden of Mendon (22221). The historian of Leicester, and also his grandson, Edgar Holden, stated that he was at the storming<sup>3</sup> of Stony Point under "mad Anthony Wayne."

After the war Lieutenant Holden settled in Holden, later removed to Paxton, and finally to Leicester, where he lived in a house on the east side of the Rutland road.

The census of 1790 found him at Paxton, head of a family consisting of self, wife, and one male under sixteen years of age.

22J1 CAPTAIN ABEL (*Jonas, John, Justinian*), born 2 Oct., 1752, at Sudbury;<sup>3</sup> died 3 Aug., 1818, in New York City; married 27 Aug., 1772, at Sudbury,<sup>3</sup> LOIS CUTLER,<sup>4</sup> born 31 July, 1753, daughter of Asher and Rebecca (Wood) Cutler. He married, second, 23 July, 1777, at Waltham,<sup>3</sup> THANKFUL CUTTING, born 14 April, 1758, at Waltham, daughter of Richard and Thankful Cutting.<sup>3</sup> She survived her husband.

Children:

- 1 LEVI OTIS, born 28 Dec., 1772, at Sudbury.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> Will of Asher Cutler, 1786.

<sup>3</sup> Leicester records.

By second marriage:

- 2 ABEL, born 30 Jan., 1779, at Sudbury.<sup>1</sup>
- 3 LOUIS (Lewis), born 13 Jan., 1781, at Sudbury.
- 4 THANKFUL, born 1783; married BURNELL BROWN.  
Child:
  1. Elizabeth Thankful Brown, married ROBERT FIELD MANLEY.
- 5 WILLIAM, born 1785.
- 6 ASA, born 1787.
- 7 JONAS, born 1789.
- 8 MARY, living in 1848.

Abel Holden responded to the Lexington Alarm, 19 April, 1775, and enlisted in the Continental Army from Sudbury, and retained his residence there during the war. Soon after the war he settled in Marlboro, probably in 1782, where he was a "trader." He was a selectman of that town in 1783. He was one of the original members of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati, 9 June, 1783.<sup>2</sup>

Facsimiles of signatures of LEVI HOLDEN, *Lieutenant*, and ABEL HOLDEN, *Captain*, original members of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati, June 9, 1783, are preserved in Washington.<sup>3</sup>

He was of Marlboro in August, 1788. He removed to Hanover, N. H., and was enumerated there in 1790 as head of family of seven males over sixteen, including self, three under sixteen, and four females. This family undoubtedly included that of his brother Asa, who was then of Hanover, but not listed as head of a family.

He finally removed to New York City and was appointed an assistant justice of the tenth ward in 1811. In 1818 (27 March, at New York) he applied for a pension. He stated that he entered the service of Massachusetts 19 April, 1775, and continued in the army and on the Continental establishment until the first day of May, 1781, in the different regiments and grades hereinafter mentioned: (*viz.*): In 1775 was adjutant to Colonel John Nixon's regiment and served in that capacity to the close of that year. In 1776 was commissioned lieutenant and adjutant in the same regiment on the Continental establishment and served to the close of that year. In 1777, on 1 January, was commissioned captain, 6th Massachusetts regiment, Colonel Thomas Nixon, and continued in the army in that grade until the 1 May, 1781, "making an aggregate of Six Years and Eleven days of unremitting service — when for want of that stipulated compensation to enable him to provide for the wants of an increasing and helpless family, which from the peculiar circumstances of our Country, it was not in the power of the Government to make, was alone the compulsory cause of his requesting a discharge from the Army, which was granted by

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> Drake: *Biographical Notices of the Society of Massachusetts*, etc., 1873, p. 333.

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

his Excellency General Washington at his Head Quarters at New Windsor in the State of New York on the first day of May A.D. 1781. — And by reason of his advanced age and — ‘reduced circumstances in life is now in need of assistance from his country for support.’”

Abel Holden was sergeant in Captain John Nixon’s company of minute-men, Colonel Pierce’s regiment, which marched on the Alarm of 19 April, 1775. Commissioned lieutenant and adjutant in Colonel John Nixon’s regiment, 5 June, 1775, having engaged 24 April; second lieutenant in Captain Micajah Gleason’s company, 4th regiment, acting adjutant; promoted to captain 1 Jan., 1777. He served with this regiment until discharged 1 May, 1781, and was in battle of Stillwater in 1777. He was frequently detached upon recruiting service. He enlisted into the line from the 4th Middlesex county regiment, commanded by Colonel Ezekiel Howe.<sup>1</sup>

22J2 CAPTAIN LEVI (*Jonas, John, Justinian*), born 12 Jan., 1754;<sup>2</sup> died 19 April, 1823,<sup>3</sup> in Newark, N. J.; married 15 Jan., 1778, HANNAH PLYMPTON, who is described on the record as “Mrs.” She was born 27 July, 1750, died at Newark, 28 Sept., 1828,<sup>4</sup> daughter of Thomas and Ruth Plympton of Sudbury.

Children,<sup>5</sup> born at Sudbury, except the fourth and fifth:

1 – 1 THOMAS, born 5 Sept., 1779; died 20 May, 1820; married ANN VOSE.

2 LEVI, born 27 Dec., 1780; died 28 Dec., 1847, at Newark, N. J.; married 16 April, 1817, in Somerset County, N. J.,<sup>6</sup> CATHERINE (EOFF) WOODHULL. He appears to have first married JANE EOFF, daughter of Christopher Eoff.<sup>6</sup> He was a master mariner and owner of his own ship; later a farmer.

3 POLLY (MARY), born 29 Nov., 1783; died 23 Dec., 1844; married WARD<sup>5</sup> RICHMOND.

Children:

1. Orlando Richmond, born 1805.

2. Emeline Holden Richmond, born 1807; married ——— JOHNSON.

3. Alexander Plympton Richmond, born 1808; died unmarried.

4. Kingman Richmond, born 1810; died young.

5. Kingman Ward Richmond, born 1812; died young.

6. Otis Richmond, born 1814; died young.

7. Henry Augustus Richmond, born 1815; married at Savannah.

8. Hannah Jane Richmond, born 1818; died young.

9. Mary Jane Richmoud, born 1821; died young.

4 – 4 GEORGE, born 21 July, 1785, at Marlborough; died 21 Jan., 1847; married ELIZA O. NICHOLS; (2) MRS. MARY (WHEELER) HALSEY; (3) MRS. JANE (HARDY) EAGLES.

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>2</sup> Sudbury records.

<sup>3</sup> *Washington City Review*, July, 1823. The obituary says of him, “several years distinguished by General Washington, as a favorite of his guard . . . it is unnecessary to say more in favor of the good conduct of Mr. Holden, than that Washington was his friend.”

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* and genealogical record of Miss Edith Holden of Greenwich, Conn.

<sup>5</sup> Data concerning these children from F. A. Holden *Ms.*, the births confirmed from town records, and the families of daughters by Rev. Louis H. Holden, 1917.

<sup>6</sup> See *Somerset County Historical Quarterly*, vol. 7.

- 5 - 5 HENRY, born 10 March, 1787; died 22 July, 1846; married ELIZA PLUM; (2) MARY W. MITTMAN; (3) SUSAN MORGAN.
- 6 WARREN, born 15 Aug., 1788; died 18 Feb., 1816; unmarried.
- 7 HANNAH, born 30 Jan., 1790; died Aug., 1867; married RICHARD DUYCKINK.  
Children:  
1. Harriet Duyckink, born 1812.  
2. William Duyckink, born 1815, Lamington, N. J.  
3. Mary Duyckink, born 1817, at Lamington.  
4. Horace Duyckink, born 1819.  
5. George Duyckink, born 1824.  
6. Margaret Duyckink, born 1828, at Hackensack, N. J.
- 8 EMMA, born 31 Aug., 1791; died 21 March, 1863; unmarried.
- 9 - 9 HORACE, born 5 Nov., 1793; died 25 March, 1862; married BATHSHEBA SANFORD; (2) MARCY COTTEN; (3) CATHERINE P. JUDSON.
- 10 OTIS, born 16 Feb., 1796; died 24 Nov., 1825; unmarried.
- 11 HARRIOT, born 31 Dec., 1797; died 7 Feb., 1867; married CALEB H. SHIPMAN.  
Children:<sup>1</sup>  
1. Mary Shipman.  
2. James Shipman.  
3. Emma Shipman.  
4. Mary Shipman.  
5. Elizabeth, married CHARLES HENRY WEBB.  
6. Henry Shipman, of New York City.  
7. William Shipman, of New York City.

The Sudbury record of births describes him as lieutenant in 1779 and captain in 1785. He was one of the original members of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati.

He was a resident of Marlboro from 1785 to 1787, but in 1790 was enumerated at Sudbury, head of a family consisting of self, five females, and five males under sixteen years.

Levi Holden, then styled "of Marlborough, gentleman," bought of Ebenezer Wood of Sudbury, 43 rods of land in Sudbury at junction of the county road running from Carter's Mills to the meeting house and the "great county road from Boston to Worcester," 16 Feb., 1787.<sup>2</sup> He probably settled in Sudbury at this time, as in June of that year he takes a mortgage of the said Wood on five acres adjoining, which in September, 1788, together with 16 acres adjoining, was deeded to him by Wood. These purchases he himself mortgaged and finally disposed of in March, 1795. He is described as "Esquire" and "gentleman." The names of Jonas Holden, Jr., Joel Holden, Abel Holden, among others, appear as witnesses to many of these transactions.

Levi Holden enlisted for the town of Sudbury in 1775, for three

<sup>1</sup> Data concerning these children from F. A. Holden *Ms.*, the births confirmed from town records and the families of daughters by Rev. Louis H. Holden, 1917.

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 95:280.



years, out of 4th Middlesex county regiment, Colonel Howe. He was in Captain Micajah Gleason's company, Colonel Thomas Nixon's regiment, afterward sergeant in Captain Jeremiah Gilman's company; sergeant-major and quartermaster sergeant, 1776; ensign 1 Jan., 1777; lieutenant 26 Nov., 1779, to date from 22 Dec., 1777. He was reported on command with the General's guard at headquarters from June, 1781, in muster roll dated March and April, 1783. He was attached to the 6th Massachusetts Continental regiment.

Levi Holden applied for a pension 13 July, 1820. He made declaration at Newark that he was aged 66 years, a resident of Newark; that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: In December, 1775, enlisted as sergeant major in the 6th Massachusetts regiment, Colonel Nixon; in 1776 "received a commission as ensign in same regiment from State of Massachusetts; in 1777 received a commission as second lieutenant in same regiment, and continued on the rolls of said regiment till the close of the war in June, 1783. In 1781, was transferred to General Washington's Guard, and was settled with by Benj<sup>n</sup> Howard, paymaster. He was in actual service of the Continental establishment for seven years, seven months — his commissions<sup>1</sup> are now on file in the office of the War Department accompanying his first application. He was with General Washington at the battles of Trenton and Princeton and was at the surrender of Burgoyne and Cornwallis, and in many other small engagements with the enemy; and that his original declaration is dated 7 April, 1818, and that his pension certificate is No. 452."

He further declared that he was so afflicted as to be unable and unfit for labor; that his family consisted of himself, wife aged 66 years, a weak and infirm woman named Hannah, a son named Otis aged 24, who was unfit for labor in consequence of bleeding at the lungs, his physicians requiring him to abstain from any hard exercise and from military duty, and that he had no profession; two daughters, Emma aged 28, Harriet aged 22; the daughters were capable of providing for their own support. He signs as "Levi Holden, Commissioned Captain by Brevet, Oct. 19, 1786."

22J3 MAJOR JONAS (*Jonas, John, Justinian*), born 31 Aug., 1756, at Sudbury; died about 1847, at Waitesfield, Vt.;<sup>2</sup> married 10 Dec., 1776, at Sudbury, MOLLY THOMPSON, born 1 Jan., 1757, daughter of James and Mary (Vorse) Thompson.

Children, born at Sudbury:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 LEWIS, born 21 Feb., 1777; died 1870, at Waitesfield; married 21 June, 1803, at Keene, N. H., PHEBE SAWIN; (2) 8 June, 1829, NANCY KIDDER. He lived at Waitesfield, 1806-1835, and from 1839-1870; at Weathersfield, 1835-9. The census of 1810 enumerates him at

<sup>1</sup> Case 34,406, U. S. Pension Office.

<sup>2</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> Town records.

Waitsfield, head of family consisting of self and another male between the ages of 26 and 45, one male between 10 and 16 years, one female of like age, and one between 26 and 45. It is probable that his father was living with him, or possibly one of his brothers. He kept store and tavern; was town clerk, 1828-1835, selectman 1833.<sup>1</sup> The marriage of Lewis Holden and Nancy Johnson is found 8 June, 1829, at Waitsfield. The census of 1850 found him, aged 73, and wife Nancy, aged 61, at Waitsfield. He is described as a farmer and with no other person in his family. Both were again enumerated in 1860.

2 A child, born 27 Oct., 1778; died 20 Nov., 1778.

3 ABIGAIL KENDALL, born 1 March, 1780; married 26 Sept., 1796, at Sudbury, William Mears Dawes, born 26 Dec., 1771, in Boston, died Oct., 1855, in Licking County, Ohio, son of William and Mehitable (May) Dawes. He was appointed surveyor and inspector of the port of Thomaston, Maine, 1809, and represented that town in the first state Constitutional Convention. He removed to Morgan County, Ohio, in 1817, was member of the Assembly, and Associate Judge of Morgan County. In 1834 he removed to Licking County.

Children:

1. Charles May Dawes, born 15 Aug., 1797, at Sudbury.

2. William Dawes, born 2 Aug., 1799; married 18 Oct., 1820, SALLY RICE; (2) 1 Dec., 1851, LUCY ANN BIRCHARD. Lived at Oberlin, Ohio.

3. George Dawes, born 25 Oct., 1801; died 10 Oct., 1869; married 6 Mar., 1825, ELIZABETH AMES. Lived at Alexandria, Ohio, and Ripon, Wis.

4. Henry Dawes, born 4 May, 1804, at Thomaston; died 4 Nov., 1867, in Juneau County, Wis.; married 20 Jan., 1829, at Warren, Ohio, SARAH CUTLER, daughter of Ephraim Cutler. Their son, Brigadier-General Rufus R. Dawes, born 4 July, 1838, died 2 Aug., 1899, at Marietta, Ohio; married 18 Jan., 1864, MARY BEMAN GATES, and was father of General Charles Gates Dawes, born 27 Aug., 1865, of Chicago, Rufus Cutler Dawes, born 30 July, 1867, of Chicago, Beman Gates Dawes, 14 Jan., 1870, of Columbus, Ohio, Mary Frances Dawes, Henry May Dawes, and Betsey Gates Dawes.<sup>2</sup>

5. Edward Dawes, born 16 June, 1807; married 22 June, 1837, CAROLINE DANA. He was a physician in McConnellsville.

6. James Thompson Dawes, born 13 June, 1809; died 27 Sept., 1840; married 26 Sept., 1838, ANN FITCH.

7. Mary Holden Dawes, born 18 Oct., 1811; married 8 May, 1845, EDGAR BIRGE ELLSWORTH of Hudson, Ohio.

8. Jane Dawes, born 20 Nov., 1813; married 20 May, 1840, LYMAN WALCOTT ROSE of Alexandria, Ohio.

9. John Dawes, born 7 Dec., 1815; died 19 July, 1876; married 10 Sept., 1845, MARY M. VAN DORN. Lived at Alexandria.

<sup>1</sup>*History of Waitsfield.*

<sup>2</sup>See *Who's Who in America*, also information of Mrs. M. W. Ferris.

- 4 RUEL, born 29 Aug., 1781.
- 5 JOHN, born 12 June, 1783.
- 6 POLLY, born 18 March, 1785; married 1 Dec., 1803, at Sudbury,  
DR. CHARLES ULMER.
- 7 BETSY, born 28 Jan., 1787; married 2 Oct., 1805, at Sudbury, THOMAS  
RUGGLES PLYMPTON.
- 8 WILLIAM, born 17 March, 1789.
- 9 SALLY, born 21 April, 1791.
- 10 NANCY, born 8 Feb., 1793; died 15 April, 1794.
- 11 NANCY, born 19 April, 1795.
- 12 FANNY, born 2 July, 1798.

Jonas Holden was a member of the company commanded by Captain John Nixon, and responded to the Alarm of the 19 April, 1775, and served one month.<sup>1</sup> His name also appears on the roll of Captain Rice's company, as Jonas Holden, ensign, received £53.<sup>2</sup> After the war he was commissioned captain, and is so styled on town records in 1789, and major in or before 1798. The census of 1790 enumerated him at Sudbury as head of family consisting of self, four males under sixteen years, and five females. In 1791 he is described as an innkeeper. It is said that he removed to Waitsfield, Vt., in 1805, but he is not found there in the United States census of 1810. He may, however, have been of Winchester, N. H., that year.

22J4 ASA (*Jonas, John, Justinian*), born 10 May, 1762, at Sudbury; died 3 Aug., 1854, in New York City and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery;<sup>3</sup> married 1837, MARY ———, who in application for a pension 12 Aug., 1868, states she was widow of Asa Holden, and had no children under sixteen years of age.

Notwithstanding his youth Asa Holden had a long and honorable military record in the Revolutionary War. He asserted in his application for pension that he volunteered at Winter Hill near Boston about the last of April, 1775. The record of this service is not found in Massachusetts archives, but he may have been accepted as a drummer boy. The records give his enlistment 1 Aug., 1778, in Captain Robert Cutting's company, McIntosh's regiment, with service in Rhode Island until 10 Sept., 1778; also his enlistment 5 July, 1780, described as sixteen years of age, five feet ten inches in height, ruddy complexion, and that he was assigned to Major Peter Harwood's company, 6th Massachusetts regiment, and discharged 5 Dec., 1780; also his enlistment 23 Sept., 1781 in the Continental line, and discharge 4 Dec., 1781, from Captain Daniel Bowker's company, Webb's regiment. At the time he made his declaration he was seventy years of age. He stated he removed after the Revolution

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>2</sup> *History of Sudbury.*

<sup>3</sup> *N. E. Hist. Geneal. Reg.*, 8:98, where it is stated he was in the battles of Rhode Island, White Plains, and Kings Bridge, and witnessed the execution of Major André.

from Sudbury to Hanover, N. H., where he lived about twelve years, and then to New York City, where he had since resided.

Following is an abstract of his own statement:

He entered the army in April, 1775, at a place called Winter Hill near Boston in the eight months service, in Colonel John Nixon's regiment. In December, 1775, he joined guard at Sudbury to guard Continental stores, was there about two years. In the spring of 1778 was drafted and sent to Rhode Island to the best of his memory for six months, but was discharged before his time expired — and December, 1778, was accepted as a substitute for a man drafted for six months and sent to Poughkeepsie, to join Colonel Baley under the Continental establishment; was attached to guard commanded by Sergeant Hall, and in a short time was sent to hospital and there detained after his time was out on account of his sickness. In May or June, 1780, entered army for six months and joined Colonel Greaton's regiment; was detached from that regiment and sent to Colonel Shepard's regiment of infantry under Marquis De La Fayette. He exchanged places with a man in Colonel Thomas Nixon's regiment whose name he thinks was Calvin Emes, and had to serve the man's time out, which made about nine months. In the summer of 1781 he entered army again in Captain Gage's company, Colonel Jameson's regiment, the "flying camp," for six months. In the summer of 1782 was in Captain Bowker's company, Colonel Webb's regiment of militia stationed three months at Peekskill, on Gallows Hill so called.

"The above is as correct a statement of his services as he on due reflection can recollect, but, it being between fifty and sixty years ago and he then a youth, it is very likely that all the dates may not be exactly correct. But this he declares as a positive fact that he was at different time under command of all those different officers mentioned in this deponent's application, and that he positively served in the Revolutionary Army against the common enemy much more than two years, which is all the law requires to be entitled to a pension, the above with other affidavits before sworn to and which accompany this is all this deponent can produce at this present time."

22J5 JOEL (*Jonas, John, Justinian*), born 5 Dec., 1768, at Sudbury; married BETSY DAVID,<sup>1</sup> later than 1790, as he is not that year enumerated in the census as head of a family.

Children, born at Sudbury:<sup>2</sup>

1 ANNA, born 22 Feb., 1792.

2 JONAS, born 22 Feb., 1792.

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> Town records, "of Joel and Betsy."



2311 JOSEPH (*Isaac, Isaac, Justinian*), born prior to 1758, probably ten or fifteen years earlier; married 24 Dec., 1778, at Cambridge,<sup>1</sup> SARAH HOLDEN (232-1), his cousin, born 18 Nov., 1757, at Cambridge, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Fuller) Holden.

Children, baptized at Cambridge:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 HANNAH, baptized 19 Sept., 1779; married 14 March, 1808, at Weston, JOSIAH JENNISON, baptized 30 Sept., 1781, at Watertown; died 17 Oct., 1846, at Newton,<sup>2</sup> son of Phineas (21-64) and Susan (Newton) Jennison.<sup>3</sup>

Children:

1. Josiah Jennison.
  2. John Jennison.
  3. Lucia Jennison.
  4. Hannah Jennison.
  5. Sarah Jennison.
- 2 ISAAC, baptized 10 Dec., 1780.
  - 3 MARY, baptized (as Polly), 21 April, 1782.
  - 4 SALLY, baptized 6 April, 1783.

Joseph Holden of Cambridge, Sarah his wife, and Sarah Holden, widow, sold to Richard Richardson of Watertown, housewright, sixty acres with house, 19 Jan., 1784. The homestead was subject to a mortgage of £120, and this was assumed by Richardson, who paid in addition £360. This conveyance is the basis for the statement that Sarah Holden sold the farm, which she had inherited from her father, out of the family in which it had been for a century and a half. In 1783 Joseph Holden was styled "gentleman", but in 1784 "yeoman". He was not a resident of Cambridge in 1790. Possibly he was that Joseph Holden of Vattervliet, N. Y., who in 1790 was enumerated as head of a family, consisting of self, two males under sixteen, and three females.

There were several Joseph Holdens who served in the army during the American Revolution. It is somewhat difficult to identify the men. Joseph Holden, who signed an enlistment agreement at Cambridge, 15 Aug., 1777, and served until the 29 Nov., 1777, in Captain Joseph Fuller's company, Colonel Samuel Bullard's regiment, and who from the 10 September was rated as a corporal in Furnivell's company "doing service at the northward," and probably as an artilleryman, appears to be Joseph 2311.

2341 ISAAC (*Justinian, Isaac, Justinian*), born 12 Feb., 1741-2, at Harvard; died 29 June, 1827,<sup>4</sup> at St. Albans, Vt.;<sup>5</sup> married

<sup>1</sup> Church records.

<sup>2</sup> Newton records.

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.* In Bonds, Watertown, p. 801, her name appears as Howard and Holden suggested.

<sup>4</sup> Pension records.

<sup>5</sup> *Woodstock Observer*, issue of 10 July, 1827, where his birth is given as 23 Feb., 1743, and statement made he served two campaigns in the French war, 1759-1760, and was at battles of Lexington, Bunker Hill, Long Island, Harlem Heights, Trenton and Princeton.

7 June, 1773, at Harvard, SARAH HALE.<sup>1</sup> She was living in 1777, and was probably the mother of the children living in 1790. There is a marriage record at Hillsboro, N. H., 25 Feb., 1798, between Isaac Holden of Hillsboro, and Mary Heath of Henniker, and if the identification of Isaac Holden of Mason, N. H., with Isaac of Harvard is correct, this marriage is evidently a second marriage of the latter. It is known that at his death Isaac left a widow.

The record given below of the family of Isaac Holden is subject to correction, as it has not been possible to obtain communication with any descendant who is informed on this point, and the data obtained have been gleaned from various sources and lack verification.

#### Children:

1 - 1 ISAAC, born 1774; of age in 1795;<sup>2</sup> married PHEBE POWERS.

2 SARAH, born 29 July, 1776, at Ashburnham;<sup>3</sup> died 12 Aug., 1836, at Hillsboro, N. H.;<sup>3</sup> married 23 (22) March, 1797, JOHN HARTWELL, born 7 Nov., 1774; died 27 (13) Sept., 1871, son of John and Susanna (Foster) Hartwell.<sup>3</sup> He married again. Lived in Hillsboro.

#### Children:<sup>3</sup>

1. Willard Hartwell, born 4 March, 1798, at Hillsboro; died 26 Nov., 1820.

2. John Hartwell, born 2 Dec., 1799; died 17 May, 1869; married 29 Nov., 1827, CATHERINE GRAY.

3. Silas Foster Hartwell, born 16 Aug., 1801; died 8 Dec., 1883; married 25 Oct., 1826, EMILY DAVIS.

4. Sally Hartwell, born 12 Aug., 1803; died in infancy.

5. Sarah Hartwell, born 16 Dec., 1804; died 7 Oct., 1864; married 30 April, 1839, EBENEZER CARTER, born 1799, died 7 Oct., 1864.

6. Child, died in infancy.

7. Olive Hartwell, born 19 May, 1808; married 17 March, 1831, CAPTAIN LYMAN DENSMORE, born 3 Dec., 1808; died 20 Oct. 1882.<sup>4</sup>

8. Caroline Hartwell, born 15 May, 1810; died 20 Oct., 1847; married 27 Nov., 1841, JOHN L. K. STAPLES.

9. Lucy Hartwell, born 31 March, 1812; married 1 Nov., 1834, JOHN EAYERS, born 21 July, 1804, died 1 March, 1861.

10. Elisha Hartwell, born 14 Dec., 1814; died 19 Oct., 1821.

11. Almira Hartwell, born 16 July, 1817; died 26 Aug., 1883; married 1 Feb., 1841, GEORGE J. COOLEDGE.

12. Abigail Hartwell, born 27 Jan., 1819.

13. Child, born and died Feb., 1821.

3 LUCY, twin with SARAH, living 1790; married DAVID PARMENTER of Hillsborough.<sup>4</sup>

4 - 4 JUSTIN, born 1780; died 2 (26)<sup>4</sup> July, 1863; married LUCY HARTWELL.

5 - 5 PHINEHAS, under sixteen years in 1790; died 18 (24)<sup>4</sup> Feb., 1822; married SALLY (HARTWELL) ROBINSON or ROBERTSON.

<sup>1</sup> Town records. In the F. A. Holden *Ms.* the statement is made that Isaac married — Stone.

<sup>2</sup> Hillsboro Deeds, 37:83.

<sup>3</sup> Hartwell *Handbook*.

<sup>4</sup> Browne: *History of Hillsborough, N. H.*, 1922, where it is stated that Isaac was born 25 June, 1741.

- 6 MILLY, perhaps one of the daughters living 1790.
- 7 DORCAS, perhaps one of the daughters, living 1790.
- 8-8 SALMON (SELWYN<sup>1</sup>), of age in 1818, under sixteen in 1790, under twenty-six in 1810; died 1839; married SUSAN ALLEN.
- 9-9 AMBROSE,<sup>1</sup> died 11 June, 1869;<sup>2</sup> married SYLVIA; (2) ABIGAIL SANBORN.<sup>2</sup>
- 10 Daughter, living 1790.<sup>3</sup>
- 11 DAVID, under ten years in 1810.<sup>3</sup>
- 12 Daughter, under sixteen and more than ten in 1810.<sup>3</sup>
- 13 Daughter, under ten in 1810.<sup>3</sup>

Isaac Holden enlisted 27 March, 1759, for the invasion of Canada, in regiment commanded by Colonel Oliver Wilder. He was described as of Harvard, aged 17, son of Ruth Holden, and as having served the preceding year (in expedition against Lake George). On the 30 April, 1759, he was a member of the 2d Battalion, Ruggles' regiment. He served until 30 Nov., 1759, in Captain Aaron Willard's company "serving westward".<sup>4</sup> It is possible that the first of these enlistments was for the year 1758.

He appears to have been of Mason, N. H., prior to the Revolution, selling land there in 1773 and 1774,<sup>5</sup> and in this connection it should be noted that Isaac Holden, who married Phebe, was of Mason in 1806, and that year sold land in Ashby on the Ashburnham road, and had lived there two years earlier. This Isaac, assumed to be the son of Isaac and Sarah, was a joiner. The elder Isaac was a wheelwright, so described in deeds and in his pension declaration.

In 1774 Isaac Holden owned a pew in Harvard church. That year, describing himself as of Harvard, wheelwright, he sold land in Harvard, no wife appearing, and 13 April, 1777, sold other land there, his wife Sarah releasing dower.<sup>6</sup> In 1782, describing himself as of Harvard, husbandman, he sold fifty acres of land in the northeast part of Petersham. According to the Hartwell Handbook he removed to Hillsborough in 1795, where he lived on the east bank of the Contoocook River, a mile below Hillsborough Bridge. He and Daniel Holden were assessed in Hillsborough in 1795. In the meantime he lived at Ashburnham, and was enumerated there in the Census of 1790, head of a family consisting of self, one other male over sixteen years, three under sixteen years, and five females. He was of Hillsborough in December, 1794, for that month he bought ten acres in Henniker,<sup>7</sup> and in 1806 and 1807 was living there. He sold land there 9 Jan., 1806, to Joseph Heath, and 9 Dec., 1807, sold forty acres there. In 1810 he was enumerated at Waitsfield, Vt.,

<sup>1</sup> Browne: *History of Hillsborough, N. H.*, 1922, where it is stated that Isaac was born 25 June, 1741.

<sup>2</sup> Pension records.

<sup>3</sup> Census. It is assumed that the members of his family were his children, but this cannot be asserted positively.

<sup>4</sup> Archives, 97:375, 398, 189.

<sup>6</sup> Worcester Deeds, 71:515; 80:309; 86:263, 417.

<sup>5</sup> Hillsboro Deeds, 2:412; 6:57.

<sup>7</sup> Hillsboro Deeds, 37:435; 70:186, 545, 547.

head of a family consisting of self, over 45 years of age, one female of like age, one male between ten and sixteen, another between sixteen and twenty-six, one female between ten and sixteen and one under ten years. In January, 1811, his house at St. Albans was destroyed by fire. He was living there in 1818 and probably died there, but is also reported to have died at Malone, N. Y.<sup>1</sup>

He was a pensioner. On the 10 April, 1818, then giving his age as seventy-five, he made declaration that he enlisted 1 Dec., 1775, at Prospect Hill, in Charlestown, and entered the service as first lieutenant in company commanded by Captain Thomas Cole, 9th regiment, Colonel Varnum (Rhode Island line), and afterward received from the Continental Congress a commission as first lieutenant, bearing the date he entered the service, and that he continued to serve in said corps, or in the service of the United States, until sometime in February, 1777, when he was honorably discharged at Quibbletown, near Morristown, N. J.; that he was in the battle of Long Island at the time General Sullivan and Lord Sterling were taken prisoners, also in the battles of Harlem Heights, Trenton and Princeton; that he was then in reduced circumstances and needed the assistance of his country. His commission and all papers were destroyed when his house was destroyed by fire about six years ago.

On the 26 May, 1818, Salmon Holden of Plattsburgh, N. Y., of lawful age, deposed that in January, 1811, he was living in his father's house at St. Albans, and it was destroyed by fire, and that a commission as lieutenant and other papers were lost.

Sarah Willard, wife of Thomas Willard of Swanton, Vt., aged 67 years, deposed in July, 1818, that she had lived in the same town at the beginning of the Revolution, and knew him as "lieutenant." Thomas Willard, aged 69, gave a certificate to the same effect, adding that he had always heard he was a "good and faithful officer."

Isaac Holden made a further declaration 11 July, 1820, evidently to retain the pension which had been allowed him, and then stated he was a millwright, that he suffered from age and asthma, had no property of any kind, and was entirely dependent upon his friends.<sup>2</sup>

The service record of Isaac Holden is substantiated by Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls, where it appears that he marched on the Lexington Alarm as second sergeant in company commanded by Captain John Davis, Colonel John Whitcomb's regiment; that at Cambridge he enlisted, 26 April, was appointed third sergeant, in Captain James Burt's company, Colonel Asa Whitcomb's regiment; was at Prospect Hill in August; and that in September and October

<sup>1</sup> Browne: *History of Hillsborough*.

<sup>2</sup> Pension papers. There is a letter dated Cleveland, Ohio, 24 July, 1854, signed by S. S. Holden, asking if the widow of Isaac Holden who died some twenty or thirty years ago, and who received his pay at St. Albans, had received her pay since his death.



of that year he was adjutant, rank not stated, but his name appears on list of officers in Captain John Fuller's company in September. Varnum's regiment to which he was attached in 1776 was one of the Rhode Island regiments, and was practically reorganized in early part of 1777, and undoubtedly Isaac Holden was discharged to make room for a citizen of Rhode Island.

2622 STEPHEN (*Stephen, Joseph, Justinian*), born 16 May, 1755, at Westminster; died there 15 Nov., 1803; married 8 June, 1780, at Westminster, ELIZABETH MILLER, born 16 March, 1758, died 22 Nov., 1828, daughter of Deacon Joseph and Mary (Williams) Miller. He was enumerated in 1790 at Westminster, head of a family of self, three males under sixteen, and three females. He was selectman, representative, 1788, and delegate to the convention to ratify the Federal constitution.

Children, born at Westminster:<sup>1</sup>

1 - 1 JONAS, born 3 Oct., 1780; died 15 March, 1861; married LUCY BROOKS;

(2) ASENATH JACKSON.

2 SAMUEL, born 21 Nov., 1782; died 29 Nov., 1804, unmarried.

3 JOEL, born 24 Sept., 1784; died same day.

4 SARAH, born 25 Sept., 1785; died 5 Nov., 1868, in Boston, Mass.; married 1 March, 1813, JAMES FOSTER of Boston, born 25 Dec., 1787, at Bedford, N. H.; died 14 March, 1837, in Boston. They moved to Eaton, N. Y. where all their children were born; after residing there seventeen years returned to Boston.

Children:

1. James Holden Foster, born 27 Sept., 1816; married 17 Nov., 1853, at Wiscasset, Me., MARGARET PATTERSON, born 27 March, 1828, daughter of Samuel and Polly (Merrill) Patterson. Lived at Washington, D. C.

2. Sarah Gage Foster, born 9 Jan., 1819; married 16 May, 1839, JOSEPH JEFFERSON BRAGDON. Lived at Newton Highlands, Mass.

3. Susan Elizabeth Foster, born 16 May, 1821; died 23 Dec., 1836.

4. Amelia Abigail Foster, born 21 Sept., 1825; married 24 Dec., 1845, ALONZO F. BARNUM; (2) WILLIAM H. SNELL of Newport, Maine. No issue.

5 ESTHER, born 29 Dec., 1787; died 19 Feb., 1861; married at Eaton, N. Y., HENRY BURNETT, born at Warwick, Mass., died 1 July, 1860, at Middlefield, Geauga County, Ohio. Mr. Burnett moved from Massachusetts to Ohio in the spring of 1820, with an ox team, and settled in Newbury, where he lived thirty years before removing to Middlefield.

Children:

1. Andrew Holden Burnett, born 26 March, 1821; died Oct., 1864, at Chagrin Falls, Ohio; married 27 Feb., 1841, at Auburn,

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* Mrs. Pratt stated that Elizabeth married John T. Farwell of Fitchburg.

- Ohio, LUCINA WOODS, born May, 1822, daughter of Willis and Rachel (Colvin) Woods.
2. Caroline I. Burnett, born 28 Oct., 1823; married 26 Feb., 1845, at Newbury, ELISHA AMES, born 30 Nov., 1823, at Claridon, Ohio. They lived at Painesville, Ohio.
  3. Stephen Henry Burnett, born 8 Jan., 1827; died 8 Nov., 1867, at Apalachicola, Florida; married April, 1850, at Mantua, Ohio, DIANA COLLINS, born 1832, in Ohio, who married (2) ——— Hicox of Solon, Ohio.
- 6-6 LEVI, born 11 Jan., 1790; died 6 April, 1843;<sup>1</sup> married MARY LINCOLN; (2) ANNA MCGILL.
- 7 HANNAH, born 4 July, 1792; died about 1870<sup>1</sup> *s.p.*; married 12 May, 1825, at Westminster, JAMES MCINTIRE of Fitchburg.
  - 8 ABIGAIL, born 1 Feb., 1795; married 4 May, 1820, SHEREBIAH BURNETT of Newbury, Ohio, a brother of Henry Burnett.  
Child:  
1. Mary E. Burnett, married 9 Dec., 1852, JEFFREY THOMAS CRAFTS.
  - 9 MARY, born 10 July, 1797; married 3 June, 1819, JONATHAN FARNSWORTH of Fitchburg, and had one child.
  - 10 ELIZABETH, born 15 March, 1800; married 11 Sept., 1823, JOHN T. FARWELL of Fitchburg.<sup>1</sup>
  - 11 ALMIRA, born 15 May, 1802; married 16 Aug., 1827, NATHANIEL WHEELER of Westminster, died 19 March, 1849, aged 45. She married (2) ABEL MCINTYRE of Fitchburg, brother of James McIntire (2622-7).<sup>1</sup>  
Children:  
1. Mary E. Wheeler, born 19 Feb., 1829; married STILLMAN EATON.  
2. Stephen Nathaniel Wheeler, born 9 April, 1834; married SARAH A. MAY. Lived in Fitchburg.  
3. James M. Wheeler, born 9 July, 1838; died.  
4. Lucy C. Wheeler, born 20 May, 1831; died 31 March, 1841.

Stephen Holden was in the army before Boston, serving in the company commanded by Captain Manasseh Sawyer, Colonel Dike's regiment, which was stationed at Dorchester Heights in the fall of 1776. His enlistment expired 30 November, and he reënlisted in the same company and regiment 1 Dec., 1776, to serve until 1 March, 1777. He marched from Westminster to East Hoosuck, probably in August, 1777, in Captain Elisha Jackson's company, on an alarm at Bennington, and again under Major Bridge the next month to reënforce the northern army.<sup>2</sup>

2624 ELIAS (*Stephen, Joseph, Justinian*), born 28 May, 1758; baptized 25 June, 1758; died suddenly, 4 Feb., 1838, at Westminster.<sup>3</sup> He married, 17 Jan., 1784, OLIVE SMITH, born at Natick, died 21 Aug., 1839, aged 76,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Lois Mason.<sup>4</sup> Elias Holden was a prominent member of the Universalist church.

<sup>1</sup> Information of Lincoln J. Holden, 1923.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* and Heywood's *History of Westminster*.

Elias Holden served in company commanded by Captain Manasseh Sawyer, Colonel Dike's regiment, 14 Dec., 1776, to 1 March, 1777.<sup>1</sup> Children, born at Westminster:<sup>2</sup>

- 1-1 NATHAN, born 12 July, 1785; died 12 Jan., 1829, at Malden; married DORCAS HOLT.
- 2 ELIZABETH, born 26 Sept., 1787; died 12 Jan., 1796.
- 3-3 ASA, born 8 June, 1790; died 12 March, 1869; married DOLLY WHITNEY.
- 4 ELIAS, born 30 Sept., 1793; died 17 Oct., 1793.
- 5 OLIVE, born 19 April, 1795; married 20 Oct., 1814, GEORGE A. BAKER, born at Gardner, Mass., 5 Oct., 1787.  
Children, born at Gardner:
  1. George Holden Baker, born 26 Feb., 1817; married ROENA NICHOLS.
  2. Willard Baker, born 15 July, 1819;<sup>3</sup> married MARIETTA NICHOLS; (2) SARAH DUSTIN.
  3. Roxa Baker, born 1 Nov., 1821;<sup>3</sup> married CHARLES SUMNER TRAVERSE.
  4. Sumner Baker, born 21 Oct., 1826;<sup>3</sup> married 30 Oct., 1845, at Brattleboro, Vt., CEMANTHA GREGORY BEMIS, born 14 June, 1827, at Royalston, daughter of Nahum and Ruhamah (Pratt) Bemis. Lived at Gardner, Mass.
- 6 STEPHEN, born 14 Oct., 1797; died 15 June, 1851, unmarried.
- 7 JOSEPH, born 25 Nov., 1799; died 8 May, 1801.
- 8 RUFUS, born 7 May, 1804; died 3 June, 1831, at Westminster; married 20 March, 1828, at Westminster, MARY ANN WARREN, died 14 April, 1832, aged 26 (*g.s.* at Westminster), daughter of Ebenezer and Hepzebeth Warren of Hubbardston.  
Child:
  1. Mary Jane, died 31 July, 1846, aged 17 years.

2625 LEVI (*Stephen, Joseph, Justinian*), born 2 Dec., 1762; married at Holden,<sup>4</sup> 24 Dec., 1794, HANNAH KNOWLES of Eastham, born 21 Aug., 1767, died 4 Sept., 1853, at Westminster. She was daughter of Thomas and Thankful Knowles of Holden.

Levi Holden inherited the homestead, which he sold 13 Jan., 1812, to Jonas Cutler of Lexington, and removed from Westminster. Children, born at Westminster:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 THOMAS, born 30 Aug., 1796.
- 2 THANKFUL, born 10 Nov., 1798. Her intention of marriage 19 Jan., 1839, with Henry G. Drury was "stopped" 22 Jan., 1839.<sup>4</sup>

2657 LIEUTENANT EZRA (*Abner, Joseph, Justinian*), born 15 Dec., 1764, at Westminster; died 28 Nov., 1826, at Chesterfield, N. H.; married 27 Nov., 1788, at Westminster,<sup>4</sup> SUSANNAH BIGELOW, born 22 Aug., 1770, at Westminster, died 21 Feb., 1798, daughter of

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* and Heywood's *History of Westminster*.

<sup>3</sup> Gardner records.

<sup>4</sup> Town records.

Jabez and Deborah (Knowlton) Bigelow. He married, second, 26 April, 1799, MRS. ELIZABETH (MAREAN) BRIGHAM, of Hubbardston, born 26 Aug., 1770, at Hubbardston, died 18 May, 1806, daughter of William and Sybil (Parker) Marean, widow of Asa Brigham of Princeton. He married, third, 14 Nov., 1809, at Springfield, Vt.,<sup>1</sup> MRS. DEBORAH (BIGELOW) HOAR of Charlestown, N. H., widow of Samuel Hoar, a sister of his first wife, born 2 May, 1767, died 28 July, 1836.<sup>2</sup>

Lieutenant Ezra Holden built on land inherited from his father, but removed to Chesterfield, N. H., about 1820. He was head of a family in 1790, self and two females.

Children, born at Westminster:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 RELIEF, born 2 March, 1789; died 2 Sept., 1875, at New Ipswich; married 16 May, 1811, at Westminster, THOMAS KENDALL, born 13 April, 1783, at Heath, Mass., died 21 June, 1862, son of Thomas and Lucy (Baldwin) Kendall.

Children, born at Westminster:

1. Susanna Bigelow Kendall, born 2 Sept., 1814; married 15 May, 1858, OLIVER T. LEIGHTON of New Ipswich, N. H. No children.
2. Thomas Kendall, born 21 April, 1819; died 11 June, 1841.
3. Ezra Justinian Kendall, born 18 Dec., 1825; died 19 April, 1857.
- 2 JOSEPH, born 4 Sept., 1790; died 12 Feb., 1796.
- 3 LUCY, born 14 March, 1792; living 1877 at Guy's Mills, Pa.; married 22 May, 1811, at Westminster, NATHAN WOOD, 2D, born 18 Nov., 1787, at Westminster, died 17 Oct., 1848, son of Ahijah Wood.

Children:

1. Orlando Wood, born 24 March, 1812, at Westminster; living 1877, at Fox Lake, Wis.; married 3 April, 1842, at New York, HARRIET RICE, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Fairbanks) Rice. No surviving issue.
2. Ezra Holden Wood, born 1 May, 1814, at Westminster; married CATHERINE GAMEL.
3. Elizabeth Morean Wood, born 28 Jan., 1816, at Westminster.
4. Lucy Wood, born 11 Feb., 1819, at Winchendon.
5. Nathan Wood, born 18 Oct., 1822, at Winchendon; married 16 April, 1850, MELINDA ADAMS; (2) 13 Dec., 1868, ELLEN ADAMS of Waseca, Minn.
6. Charles Frederick Wood, born 30 Aug., 1824, at Winchendon; married 23 April, 1850, at Fitchburg, SARAH KEYES DOLE of Guy's Mills, Pa.
7. Susan Relief Wood, born 17 Oct., 1826, at Winchendon; married JAMES L. WILDER. Lived at Warren, Penn.
8. Sarah Elizabeth Wood, born 5 Dec., 1829, at Morean, N. Y.; married HORACE W. NOBLE.

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* in which it is stated that the information relating to this family was gleaned from the records of Springfield, Vt., Charlestown, N. H., Westminster, Mass., and an old *Ms.* in possession of the family.



9. Jane Augusta Wood, born 19 April, 1833, at Morean.

10. Angeline Wood, born 1 Feb., 1835, at Morean; married 2 March, 1865, ERASTUS LEWIS PINLEY of Morean. She was living at Erie, Penn., 1877.

4 EZRA, born 10 Oct., 1793; died 9 Oct., 1801.

5 SUSANNAH, born 19 June, 1795; died same day.

6 SUSANNAH, born 3 Oct., 1796; died 12 April, 1873, at Lockport, N. Y.

By second marriage:

7-7 JOSEPH, born 16 July, 1800, at Westminster; died 24 Dec., 1868; married OLIVIA DANIELS; (2) SUSAN BROWN.

8-8 JUSTINIAN, born 2 July, 1802; died 18 March, 1858; married LUCY MAREAN; (2) CHARLOTTE MAREAN.

9-9 EZRA SHATTUCK, born 17 Dec., 1810; died 1 April, 1867; married ELIZABETH DAVIS.



## FIFTH GENERATION

12221 CAPTAIN JOHN (*James, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 4 March, 1736-7; died 9 Feb., 1818,<sup>1</sup> aged 81,<sup>2</sup> buried at Mendon, Mass., where his gravestone stands; married 17 Dec., 1761, MARGERY AMIDON,<sup>1</sup> of Mendon, born 4 Oct., 1737, died 4 Jan., 1783,<sup>1</sup> daughter of Ichabod and Mary (Aldrich) Amidon.<sup>3</sup> He married, second, 28 April, 1783,<sup>1</sup> MRS. DOLLY ALDRICH, widow of Benjamin Aldrich of Mendon.<sup>3</sup>

Children:<sup>3</sup>

1 - 1 SAMUEL, born 26 July, 1762 (1763<sup>1</sup>); died 20 April, 1838; married BETSY WELLS.

2 SUSANNAH, born 23 May, 1765; died 29 April, 1826, at Randolph, Vt.;<sup>4</sup> married 7 Feb., 1788, at Brooklyn, Conn., RICHARD KIMBALL, born 21 Aug., 1762, at Pomfret, Conn., died 23 Nov., 1828, at Randolph, son of John and Jerusha (Meacham) Kimball.<sup>4</sup>

Children:<sup>4</sup>

1. Emma Kimball, born 27 Nov., 1788; died 28 Jan., 1789.

2. Susanna Kimball, born 27 March, 1790; died 1 Oct., 1791.

3. Richard Kimball, born 29 May, 1791; died 13 Aug., 1791.

4. David Kimball, born 20 Sept., 1792; died 1 June, 1793.

5. Adam Kimball, born 20 Jan., 1794; died 20 Jan., 1794.

6. David Kimball, born 2 April, 1795; died same day.

7. John Holden Kimball, born 1 May, 1796; died 5 Aug., 1873; married 11 June, 1828, CATHERINE WILLIAMS. Lived in Vermont.

8. Jared Kimball, born 2 April, 1798; died 22 Aug., 1803.

9. Susanna Kimball, born 1 April, 1801.

10. Harriet Kimball, born 19 Dec., 1801 (*sic*); died 11 Sept., 1803.

11. Hiram Kimball, born 18 Dec., 1803; died 23 April, 1865, at Burnett, Vt.; married 24 Oct., 1833, JERUSHA BRADISH. Children born in Randolph.

12. Lloyd Kimball, born 16 Oct., 1805; died 21 March, 1865, at McIndoes Falls, Vt.; married 26 May, 1831, LOIS GRISWOLD. Lived at Barnet and McIndoes Falls.

13. Aveline Kimball, born 23 June, 1807; died 5 May, 1887, at Syracuse, N. Y.; married 23 July, 1843, WILLIAM BEER. Lived at Syracuse.

14. Melora Kimball, born 6 May, 1810; died 10 Nov., 1884, at Vinland, N. J.; married 14 Nov., 1833, JONATHAN HOBART.

3 - 3 JAMES, born 1 June, 1767; died Aug., 1820; married ALICE METCALF.

<sup>1</sup> Town Clerk's letter, 1917, other dates agree with the F. H. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> Death notice, "a worthy of the Revolution."

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> *Kimball Genealogy*, by Morrison and Sharples, where descendants may be found.

- 4 WILLIAM, born 24 April, 1769; died unm. Removed to Tioga Co., Penn.<sup>1</sup>
- 5 HANNAH, born 12 April, 1771; married JOHN BELDEN. They removed to Livonia, Livingston Co., N. Y.
- 6-6 JOHN, born 29 April, 1773; died 29 July, 1864; married ABIGAIL MERRICK.
- 7-7 AMASA, born 26 July, 1775; died Nov., 1853; married ABIGAIL EATON.
- 8-8 ICHABOD AMIDON, born 13 Dec., 1779; died 22 April, 1846; married ELIZABETH BEATTY.
- 9 MARGERY AMIDON, born 13 Oct., 1782; died unmarried, at Randolph.

By second marriage:

- 10 BETSEY, born 26 Feb., 1784.<sup>2</sup>
- 11 JABEZ, born 20 April, 1786; married 24 Oct., 1818, at Cumberland, R. I. (described as of Providence, son of the late John Holden of Mendon), MOLLY LAPHAM, born 1 March, 1800, daughter of Abner and Amey (Tower) Lapham, of Cumberland.<sup>3</sup>

John Holden served in the Colonial forces in 1755-1760, and in the American Revolution.

John Holden of Mendon enlisted 1 May, 1755, in company commanded by Captain Ephraim Doolittle, in the expedition against Crown Point, and served until 11 December. His travel was allowed from Albany home. He was in the service the following year, having enlisted prior to 15 April, and had joined the forces moving against Crown Point prior to July 21. He was at Camp William Henry 28 August, at which time his descriptive list states he was aged 19 years, born in Sutton and a resident of Mendon. On 11 October, he was reported "sick." He was a member of company commanded by Captain-Lieutenant Nathan Tyler, in Lieutenant-Colonel Thwing's regiment.

He again enlisted in 1757 and marched from Mendon to Westfield, 16 August. This tour of duty was on an alarm, and was but fourteen days; he was a corporal in company commanded by Captain Phinehas Lovett, Colonel Abraham Williams' regiment. He was an apprentice of Nathaniel Tyler, Esq., and was allowed for forage for his horse. He again enlisted 29 March, 1758, in Captain Nathan Tyler's company, Colonel William Williams' regiment, and served to the "westward." The next year he enlisted 26 March in the same regiment, raised for the invasion of Canada, and served until 3 Dec., 1759, as sergeant in company commanded by Captain John Furnass.

<sup>1</sup> There was a William Holden, said to have come from the Hudson River Valley, who was the first white settler at Osceola, Tioga County, Pennsylvania. He was said to have been born in 1772, and he died unmarried. The stream on which he built his log cabin is known as Holden Brook. Tradition surrounds him with more or less romance. In late life a married sister and brother visited him and vainly attempted to persuade him to return to his former home. (Information of Charles Tubbs, president of Tioga Co. Hist. Soc.)

<sup>2</sup> She is said by F. A. Holden to have married Richard Kimball of Charlestown, N. H., but the date of marriage given is that of Richard Kimball and Betsey Allen, whose birth appears in the *History of Charlestown*.

<sup>3</sup> Cumberland records. He may be that Jabez Holden who married at Pawtucket, R. I., 14 Oct., 1826, Mary Phillips. (*Rhode Island American*). Jabez and Betsey are mentioned in a letter written by Ichabod to the grandfather of A. A. Holden of Hillsboro, N. H.



He enlisted 20 March, 1760, in Colonel John Chandler's regiment, and was mustered in 25 April, in company commanded by Captain Jonathan Shores, in which he served as sergeant until 3 December. Captain Shores was succeeded by Captain Daniel Reed 15 August. One hundred and twenty miles travel home was allowed.<sup>1</sup>

John Holden of Mendon, Adjutant of the 7th Worcester County regiment, Colonel Wheelock, 19 April, 1775, served nine days at Cambridge and Roxbury. He was Adjutant of Colonel Joseph Read's regiment at Roxbury, May, 1775. He served from 24 April to 1 Aug., 1775, in Read's regiment. He continued in the army. From 1 Jan., 1777, to 31 Dec., 1779, he was attached to Colonel Thomas Nixon's Continental regiment; 26 months as lieutenant, and as captain from 10 March, 1779. He continued in the service until 13 April, 1780. He signed an order at Mendon as late captain, 6th Massachusetts regiment, for ration allowance due him 28 February, 1784.

12231 JEDUTHAN (*Daniel, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 4 March, 1738-9, at Leicester; died perhaps at Orange, later than 1790; married 3 Dec., 1766, at Barre, HANNAH HAYWARD,<sup>2</sup> probably daughter of Charles and Abigail (Hubbard) Haywood, born at Rutland.

Children:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 MARY (Patty), baptized 2 Aug., 1768; married JOHN WALKER and removed to Vermont.

Children:<sup>4</sup>

1. Artemas Walker.
2. Polly Walker.
3. David Walker.
4. Hannah Walker, married ——— COBB.
5. Sophine Walker.

- 2-2 SAMUEL, baptized 6 Aug., 1769; married SYBIL JOHNSON.

- 3 LYDIA, baptized 7 Jan., 1772.

- 4-4 REUBEN, baptized 9 Oct., 1774; married BETSEY BABCOCK.

- 5-5 DAVID, baptized 16 May, 1779; died 1826; married MILLY CHENEY.

- 6 MOSES, baptized 23 Feb., 1777; died young.

- 7 LUCY, born 1778; married ——— FRENCH, and moved to Potsdam, N. Y. Both were deceased in 1867.<sup>4</sup>

- 8 ELIZABETH, born 1780; living 1867; married DEXTER DAVIS, who died about 1855; (2) ——— SMITH. Of Corning, N. Y.<sup>4</sup>

Children:<sup>4</sup>

1. Nelson Davis.
2. Linville Davis.

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Archives, 94:51, 170, 275, 326, 456; 95:545; 96:331; 97:18, 95, 348; 98:195, 325.

<sup>2</sup> Town record.

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.* F. A. Holden gave the children of Jeduthan as follows: Patty, born 1771; Samuel, 1774; David, 1776; Lucy, 1778; Elizabeth, 1780; Moses, 1782; Daniel, 1784; Reuben, 1789. With exception of date of birth of Daniel, it is supposed that these birth dates were estimates. The names were probably recovered from grandsons about 1867.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

3. Elizabeth Davis, died about a year after marriage to ———  
STEWART.

9-9 MOSES, born 4 June, 1782; died 28 Feb., 1871; married SARAH DUNTON; (2) CAROLINE ARCHER.

J-10 DANIEL, born 7 Sept., 1784; died 4 Sept., 1830; married LYDIA LOUNSBERY.

The census of 1790 enumerated Jeduthan Holden at Orange, head of family consisting of self, another male over sixteen, three under sixteen, and one female. There is no mention of his buying or selling land in Worcester or Berkshire counties, nor settlement of his estate.

He chose John Chandler of Worcester his guardian 30 April, 1775 and 10 Aug., 1757, was impressed as a soldier for relief of Fort William Henry, and marched to Sheffield, in company of Captain John Carter, Colonel John Chandler's regiment. He served sixteen days. He enlisted from Rutland, 18 Nov., 1761, and served until 1 July, 1762, in company of Captain Silas Brown. He reënlisted 1 July and served until 12 Nov., 1762, in company of Captain Gideon Parker. He appears also to have had other service, for we find a man listed as Jede<sup>r</sup> and as Jada<sup>n</sup> credited with service as corporal in company of Captain Thomas Cowdin, 20 June to 2 Dec., 1760, and 5 May to 17 Nov., 1761, the residence of the soldier in the last enlistment being given as Rutland.<sup>1</sup>

He also served in the Revolution, being then of Barre, and his residence given sometimes as of Hutchinson (Barre) and of Rutland. He enlisted 20 April, 1775, was at the battle of Bunker Hill, and still in the service last of October, and probably until the last of the year. He reënlisted 1 Oct., 1776, and served until 1 Dec., 1776, at Ticonderoga. He again enlisted, for duration of war, in Sprout's regiment of Continentals, and was at Valley Forge. He was on furlough 28 Jan., 1778.<sup>2</sup>

12234 DANIEL (*Daniel, James, Justinian, Richard*), born probably in 1745, it is said at Barre, Mass.; died 12 Jan., 1811, at Charlton; married, as "of Leicester," 20 Aug., 1766, JEMIMA TUCKER,<sup>3</sup> died 23 Jan., 1786,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Jeremiah and Joanna Tucker.<sup>4</sup> She was admitted to church at Shrewsbury, 1780. He married, second, 25 Dec., 1788, at Shrewsbury,<sup>3</sup> DOROTHY JOHNSON, born 12 March, 1752, died 12 July, 1848, at Shrewsbury,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Holland) Johnson.

Children, born at Shrewsbury:<sup>3</sup>

1 DANIEL, born 4 July, 1769; died 5 Sept., 1770.

2-2 JONAH, born 16 Nov., 1770; married NABBY M. WALES.

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 95:495; 99:18, 113, 185, 206.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

3-3 DANIEL, born 21 Oct., 1773; died 9 May, 1851; married LYDIA SHOTTENKIRK; (2) MARGARET PRATT.

4-4 AMASA, born 1775; died 1868 "aged 93"; married ABIGAIL PRATT.

5-5 LIFE, born 23 June, 1783; died 25 Feb., 1844; married ABIGAIL HEARSEY.

By second marriage:

6 RUFUS JOHNSON, born 23 June, 1789.

Daniel Holden early settled in Shrewsbury. He was a cabinet maker. He marched on the Lexington Alarm in Captain Job Cushing's company from Shrewsbury; enlisted for eight months, 28 April, 1775, and was in the service in November. The following year he enlisted in June, and returned in November, having served in company commanded by Captain Seth Newton, stationed part of the time on the North River, New York. He responded to alarms, and served at Bennington in a company commanded by Captain Asa Rice, and also in 1777 in company commanded by Captain Jonathan Wright. In 1781 he enlisted in the Continental line for nine months, was then aged thirty-two years, was five feet eight inches in height and of light complexion. He served on the Hudson for three months, and part of the time was stationed at West Point.<sup>1</sup>

The census of 1790 enumerated him at Shrewsbury, at head of family consisting of self, two other males over sixteen, two under sixteen and one female.

It is said that he sympathized with the followers of Daniel Shays, and that lead stolen from the town magazine was for a time hidden in his barn; but that later he changed his opinions and was instrumental in electing an anti-Shays Deputy to the General Court in May, 1792, which led the opposing faction to make charges against him, of which he was acquitted on trial.<sup>2</sup> He then removed to Charlton.

12237 NATHAN (*Daniel, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 12 May, 1751, at Worcester; died 25 June, 1806, at Hubbardston;<sup>3</sup> married 3 Sept., 1779, at Rutland, EXPERIENCE CLARK, ("both of Hubbardston"), who died 1 Oct., 1790, at Hubbardston, described as "wife of Nathan Holden," daughter of Captain John and Elizabeth (Norcross) Clark. He married, second, 21 June, 1791, at Hubbardston, PRUDENCE ALDEN,<sup>3</sup> who married 12 March, 1808, at Barre, Nathaniel Gates.<sup>3</sup>

Administration on the estate of Nathan Holden was granted 30 June, 1806, to Isaac Clark, on request of the widow "Prude" Holden, setting forth that Lewis was the only heir of age.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls and affidavits in pension application, November, 1839, of widow Dorothy, where date of marriage and date of death appear.

<sup>2</sup> *History of Shrewsbury, Mass.*

<sup>3</sup> Town records. R. O. Holden asserts the gravestone reads 30 Jan., 1806.

<sup>4</sup> The fact of the two marriages of Nathan Holden is proven by the records. The widow who asked for appointment of Isaac Clark, the brother of the first wife as administrator, signed her name "Prude," and

Children, born at Hubbardston:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 A son, born 29 March, 1780; died young.
- 2 FANNY, born 7 May, 1781; died 26 May, 1847; married 22 April, 1805, SAMUEL CLARK (her cousin), born 25 Sept., 1778, died 4 May, 1854, at Chester, Vt., son of Lieutenant Samuel and Mary (Stone) Clark.<sup>2</sup>
- 3 LEWIS, born 29 March, 1783; died 12 Dec., 1849; unmarried.<sup>3</sup>
- 4-4 NATHAN, born 1 June, 1786; died 7 March, 1838; married EXPERIENCE CLARK.
- 5 SALLY, born 11 Nov., 1788; died 4 Dec., 1788.

By second marriage:

- 6-6 AMASA, born 28 Jan., 1792; married ACHSAH —.
- 7-7 ETHAN, born 7 Feb., 1794; married PHEBE HARWOOD.
- 8-8 JONAH, born 19 May, 1796; married SARAH WARE.
- 9 MELINDA, born 8 Sept., 1798; died 14 Sept., 1800.
- 10 CATY, born 14 Nov., 1800.
- 11 LORETTA, born 31 March, 1803.
- L-12 ARTEMAS GOODNOW, born 22 March, 1805; died 17 Sept., 1889; married RACHEL B. THOMPSON.

Nathan Holden was enumerated at Hubbardston in 1790, head of a family consisting of self, two males under sixteen, and three females. It is claimed that Nathan Holden served in the Revolution, and that he of that name, "of Shrewsbury" who was in the army in 1775, was this man. As the service records of Nathan and his cousin are difficult to separate, the entire record applicable to either will be found under Nathan 12256.

12238 JAMES (*Daniel, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 15 Feb., 1756, at Leicester, Mass.; died 24 June,<sup>4</sup> 1839,<sup>5</sup> at Batavia, N. Y.; married in 1774<sup>4</sup> probably at Adams, Mass., EUNICE HINMAN, born June, 1755,<sup>6</sup> died 6 June, 1834, in her eightieth year,<sup>4</sup> daughter of Reuben and Mary (Downes) Hinman.<sup>4</sup> Reuben Hinman was one of the early settlers at Adams, being there prior to the Revolution.

Children:<sup>7</sup>

- 1 JAMES, born 1 Nov., 1775; died 26 April, 1859, at Alden, in Ill.; married 17 July, 1813, at Batavia, LUCINDA BADGER, who was aged seventy-eight years in April, 1871, when she applied for a pension. She was of Alden, and sister of Austin Badger of Medina, Ohio. James Holden enlisted as a "minuteman" in Sept., 1812, and was dis-

this has been read "Peade," which is the name by which the daughter Experience was called, and probably her mother. The widow's second marriage at Barre is recorded under the name Pruda. The correspondent of F. A. Holden, about 1867-70, apparently knew of this second marriage, and of the removal of her family to Vermont.

<sup>1</sup> Town records. R. O. Holden asserts the gravestone reads 30 Jan., 1806.

<sup>2</sup> Descendants of Hugh Clark, p. 51.

<sup>3</sup> Worcester Probate.

<sup>4</sup> Information probably of Miss Hannah Louise Holden, evidently obtained from a family Bible record.

<sup>5</sup> Information of Amasa Holden, who supplied information to F. A. Holden.

<sup>6</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>7</sup> "The above twelve children lived to an average age of 76 years." Note in F. A. Holden *Ms.*, information probably of Amasa Holden.



charged at Buffalo, 17 Sept., 1814, but as active service was not shown the widow's application was rejected.

- 2 RACHEL, born 11 July, 1777; died 18 Sept., 1858, in New York State.
- 3 PAULINA, born 15 Feb., 1779; died 28 July, 1858, in New York State.
- 4 LEVI, born 17 Dec., 1780; died 28 Jan., 1867, in Michigan.
- 5 IRA, born 9 Feb., 1782; died 1834 in Canada. In 1810 there was an Ira Holden enumerated in Canandaigua Village, Ontario Co., N. Y., head of family of self, between twenty-six and forty-five, another male of same age, one female ditto, one male and one female under ten years.
- 6-6 LORTON, born 25 May, 1785; died 5 Feb., 1857; married BETSEY GIBSON.
- 7-7 HINMAN, born 30 Jan., 1787; died 18 July, 1871; married TRYPHENA STEWART.
- 8 ELECTA, born 25 Oct., 1789; died 18 Oct., 1858, in Michigan; married RUSSELL DICKINSON.<sup>1</sup>  
Child:<sup>2</sup>  
1. Delia C. Dickinson, married ROBERT HANEY. Their daughter Mary Cordelia Haney, married JAMES G. FLANDERS.
- 9-9 FREDERICK, born 17 Dec., 1790; died 4 April, 1868; married ISBEL REDPATH.
- 10 STACY HORNER, born 9 Aug., 1792; died 12 June, 1865, in Illinois. He and wife Phebe sold land in Batavia 1843.
- K-11 SAMUEL COTTEN, born 8 Aug., 1794; died 25 Nov., 1880; married DELIA TOWNER.
- 12 LEMONT, born 20 Dec., 1797; died 16 March, 1872, in Michigan. He was of Batavia and Pembroke, Genesee Co., N. Y., 1835-1841, and in 1840 and 1841 his wife Lydia joins in selling land.

James Holden was of Adams at the commencement of the American Revolution. After the war he appears to have settled at Lee, and in 1802 was one of the proprietors of land at Batavia in New York. His military service is given as follows:

Enlisted 22 April, 1775; discharged 5 May, Captain Sloan's company, 26th regiment (Colonel Patterson). He immediately reenlisted the same day, and was in the service in Patterson's regiment in August. He signed the "Coat Roll," 29 October, 1775.<sup>3</sup>

In 1832 James Holden applied for a pension and made declaration of his service as follows:<sup>4</sup>

16 Oct., 1832, appeared before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Genesee, James Holden, a resident of Batavia, aged seventy-six years.

He entered the service in the fore part of April, 1775, at Adams, Mass., where he then resided, in a regiment of militia under Colonel Patterson, in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Sloan,

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden states she married Ezekiel How of Sudbury.

<sup>2</sup> R. W. Holden *Mss.*, information probably from Mrs. M. C. Flanders.

<sup>3</sup> Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution.

<sup>4</sup> Records in Pension Bureau.

as a volunteer and private and continued in said service until some time in January, 1776. He marched from Adams to Cambridge, near Boston, and was stationed at Charlestown until he was discharged. While he was at this place the battle of Bunker Hill took place, but he was not in it, although he was so near the scene of action that he could see it distinctly. The regiment to which he belonged was stationed at Charlestown to guard the place. While stationed at this place the British made an attack on a picket guard of the Americans stationed at Lechmere's Point; a warm skirmish ensued in which he participated, and in which the British were repulsed. During his service under this engagement he frequently saw General Washington, General Putnam and General Greene.

In July, 1776, he again enlisted, at Adams, in a company of militia commanded by Captain William White, as a volunteer and continued in said service at least six weeks. His discharge was a verbal one. The company was raised to go to Otter Creek in Vermont to protect the frontier against the British, Indians and Tories. The company to which he belonged was all that accompanied him from Adams on this expedition. He marched from Adams to Otter Creek, thence to Castleton in Vermont. He marched through Bennington, at which place the company to which he belonged joined the regiment under Colonel Seth Warner under whose command he continued until discharged. He was acquainted with the said Warner and Captain Hutchings of the regular army.

In July, 1777, he again enlisted as a volunteer at Adams in a company commanded by Captain William White, raised to go to Skeensborough, New York, to guard the place against the British, Tories and Indians. He was out in said service on this expedition about four weeks. The expedition was made upon a sudden alarm given out that the British, Indians and Tories were about to attack and burn that place.

A short time previous to Bennington Battle he again entered said service as a volunteer at Adams, in a company of militia commanded by Captain Brown, and continued in service under this engagement at least three months. He marched from Adams to Williamstown, thence to Bennington where he joined the regiment under Colonel Seth Fenick and where a battle ensued between the British and American troops, called Bennington Battle, in which the said Holden took part. From Bennington to Stillwater in New York, where he was stationed at the time of the surrender of General Burgoyne and where he remained until his discharge from service.

He stood as a minute man during the whole of the war. He was out in said service a number of times besides those aforesaid, the particular periods of which or the names of the officers under whom he served, he cannot state. He is confident he was actually employed

in said service during the war under different engagements at least two years.

He was born at Berry, Mass., on the fifteenth day of February, 1756. He has a record of his age in his Bible at his place of residence in Batavia. At the close of the war he resided at Adams and after the war, about eight years. Thence he moved to Springfield, Otsego County, N. Y., where he resided about fourteen years. From this place he moved to Batavia, N. Y., where he has since resided, about twenty-six years. In the campaign at the capture of Burgoyne he served with the regiment under Colonel Warner: saw Generals Gates and Arnold and Colonel Warner. He served with the corps under their command. He never received but one written discharge from service, that was from Colonel Patterson and is lost. The rest were verbal. He is known to William Keyes, Phineas L. Tracy, Lucius Smith and Ethan B. Allen, residents in his present neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution."

From the above statements it appears that James Holden performed military duty other than the extant rolls show. He was at the battle of Bennington, 17 Aug., 1777, and remained in the service until Burgoyne surrendered in October.

The Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls credit him with a tour of duty he does not mention in his declaration:

"Private in Captain Levi Brown's company, Colonel Asa Barnes's Berkshire regiment; enlisted 30 Oct., 1781; discharged 7 November; detached for service on alarm of 30 Oct., 1781, and joined army under General Stark at Saratoga."

James Holden of Canjoharie town, N. Y., was enumerated in the census of 1790, as head of a family consisting of self, five males under sixteen years, and four females. In 1810, James of Batavia, over forty-five years, had in his family two males between ten and sixteen years, three between sixteen and twenty-six, one female over forty-five and one between sixteen and twenty-six.

12251 BENJAMIN (*Josiah, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 9 Jan., 1748-9, at Worcester; died 20 Sept., 1783,<sup>1</sup> at Barre, Mass.; married 1 Nov., 1770<sup>2</sup> at Barre, ABIGAIL BACON,<sup>3</sup> born Jan., 1753, living 1837, daughter of Ephraim and Mary (Brown) Bacon. Administration was granted on his estate, which consisted wholly of personalty and not large, 24 March, 1784, to Thaddeus Partridge, the widow, Abigail, declining.

Children:<sup>3</sup>

1 JOEL, born 1771, baptized 28 April;<sup>2</sup> died 9 May, 1772.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Probate records at Worcester. He died intestate.

<sup>2</sup> Town or church records; death dates from family sources.

<sup>3</sup> Certificate of town clerk, 1837, pension case; except the eldest child.

- 2-2 JOHN, born 10 July, 1772; died 11 March, 1856; married ABIGAIL CHIPMAN.
- 3 LUCY, born 21 March, 1774; married 28 Nov., 1793,<sup>1</sup> ABIJAH MENDELL, son of Benjamin and Abigail (Bacon) Mendell. They removed to Canada, thence to Rising Sun, Ind.
- 4-4 ELI, born 22 Nov., 1775; died 1842; married HANNAH PEARSON.
- 5-5 JOSIAH, born 10 March, 1778; died March, 1849; married HANNAH SMITH.
- 6-6 JESSE, born 21 Aug., 1779; died 9 May, 1845; married LUCY PEARSON.
- 7-7 JOEL, born 24 May, 1781; married LOIS PEARSON.
- 8-8 JONAS, born 24 Feb., 1783; died 8 July, 1862; married ELIZA HOLDEN (12254-4); (2) LUSEBIA ATHERTON.

Benjamin Holden enlisted 20 April, 1775, in Captain John Black's company (in which Aaron Holden, later captain, was sergeant), Colonel Jonathan Brewer's regiment, and was in the service as late as October 26. He reënlisted 2 Sept., 1776 in company commanded by Captain Aaron Haynes (Aaron Holden was lieutenant), Colonel Asa Whitcomb's regiment, and was at Ticonderoga 1 Dec., 1776. Later rolls are missing. We learn from the pension declaration of his widow, Abigail, 4 April, 1837, when her memory was somewhat dimmed, that during his first enlistment he was a part of the time stationed at the college in Cambridge, and was in the battle of Bunker Hill, and that he served out the full term of his enlistment, which was probably for eight months. She also stated that he returned home from Ticonderoga ill, after having served about five months. She further stated that he was a member of the minute men company before the opening of hostilities, and marched on the Lexington Alarm, but the company failed to reach the scene of the battle until after the British had retired, and that he enlisted the last of April in Captain Aaron Holden's company, Colonel Buckminster's regiment.<sup>2</sup> He also served as corporal in Captain Benjamin Nye's company, Sparhawk's regiment, 21 to 25 Aug., 1777, on call for reënforcements for Stark at Bennington.

Several papers are filed in the pension case, among them the affidavit of Tilly Mead, for whom, according to the statement of Peter Fessenden (of Barre, aged 75), Abigail had kept house for twenty years. Eli Holden, aged 61, of Barre, Vt., stated that he was present at his father's death, and that he copied the date from the record in his mother's Bible.

<sup>1</sup> Town or church records; death dates from family sources.

<sup>2</sup> Aaron Holden at this time was sergeant in Captain John Black's company in Colonel Jonathan Brewer's regiment. Benjamin Holden's name is on the muster roll of that company, 1 August, and he signed the coat roll 26 October. Aaron Holden was lieutenant in Haynes' company, Whitcomb's regiment, in which company Benjamin enlisted 2 Sept., 1776, and his name is on a roll of the company dated at Ticonderoga, 1 Dec., 1776. Josiah Bacon, aged 83, of Barre, certified he enlisted in the same company and that Benjamin Holden served under Captain Aaron Holden about five months. Depositions of aged people often are in error in some details. Peter Fessenden of Barre, aged 75, deposed he remembered Holden marching with the minute men under Captain Buckminster "to the battle of Bunker Hill."



12252. JAMES (*Josiah, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 9 (20)<sup>1</sup> June, 1750, at Worcester, Mass.<sup>2</sup> died 12 Sept., 1827, at Barre; married 12 Nov., 1772, at Barre, Mass.,<sup>2</sup> HANNAH BACON, born Oct., 1748, died 7 April, 1836, daughter of Ephraim and Mary (Brown) Bacon,<sup>3</sup> sister to his brother Benjamin's wife. Barre records record the death of Widow Hannah Holden 6 April, 1836, aged 82 years.

Children, born at Barre:<sup>2</sup>

1-1 JAMES, born 1 Jan., 1774; died 7 April, 1856; married RUTH RANDALL.

2 LYDIA, born 30 June, 1775; married 31 Dec. 1795, RUFUS RICE of Barre, born 16 March, 1772, died 3 Dec., 1847, at Grafton, Vt. Children born at Grafton:<sup>4</sup>

1. Ira Rice, d.y.

2. Rufus Rice, married LUCINDA PALMER.

3. Levi Rice.

4. Lydia Rice, married WILLIAM DENN; (2) NATHAN ZUEL.

5. Louisa Rice, d.y.

3 ABIGAIL, born 5 April, 1777; married 11 Feb., 1800, AMHERST MORSE of Newfane, Vt.

4 HANNAH, born 25(28)<sup>1</sup> Sept., 1782; married 12 Jan., 1804, JAMES PARK of Grafton, Vt.

5 ARETHUSIA, born 8 Jan., 1785; married 29 Oct., 1807, JOHN WHITE, JR. Children:<sup>5</sup>

1. Lorenzo White, born 1808.

2. Eliza White, born 1809.

3. John White, born 1811.

4. Ira White, born 1813.

5. Silas White, born 1815.

6. James White, born 1817.

7. Mary White, born 1821.

8. Warren White, born 1826.

6 BEULAH, (REBECCA)<sup>1</sup>, born 21 (20)<sup>1</sup> April, 1787; married 12 Dec., 1811, at Barre, SAMUEL SIBLEY, JR.

Children,<sup>5</sup> born at Barre:<sup>2</sup>

1. James Holden Sibley, born 27 July, 1813.

2. Harriet Augusta Sibley, born 1 March, 1817.

3. Samuel Leland Sibley, born 13 Jan., 1827.

7-7 JUSTUS, born 23 Aug., 1788 (JUSTICE, born 23 Aug., 1789)<sup>1</sup>; died 20 March, 1828; married BETSEY MINOTT.

8 MARY, born 17 May, 1792; died 17 Dec., 1860; married 28 June, 1836, LAMBERT WHEELOCK.

9 ELIZABETH, born 7 Dec., 1794; died 5 Aug., 1825, *s.p.*

10 JOSIAH BACON, born 23 Dec., 1798, baptized 3 Feb., 1799; died at age of 2 years, 5 months.

James Holden enlisted 26 Sept., 1777, in Captain Benjamin Nye's company, which marched under Major Jonas Wilder to reinforce

<sup>1</sup> Family record as received from Alfred Holden, who has the family Bible of James Holden.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, whence this family record is principally taken.

<sup>4</sup> *Rice Family Genealogy*, pp. 131, 215, quoted by F. A. Holden.

<sup>5</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

the Northern Army. He was discharged 18 Oct., 1777. He enlisted to the credit of Littleton for six months, July, 1780, and is described as thirty years of age, five feet, seven inches tall, of light complexion. He was at Camp Totoway in October and was discharged 6 Dec., 1780.<sup>1</sup> He was enumerated at Barre, 1790, having the family given above to and including the seventh child.

12253 JOSIAH (*Josiah, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 30 Sept.,<sup>2</sup> 1751, at Worcester; died 29 June, 1829 (aged 77 years, 8 months, 5 days, *g.s.*) at Newfane, Vt.; married 20 Jan., 1779, at Barre,<sup>2</sup> MARY FORBES. He is said to have married, second, 29 Jan., 1799, HANNAH SMITH,<sup>3</sup> who in 1810 was more than forty-five years of age, but if so he married again, as the administrators of his estate were his widow Mary and son Josiah F.

Children,<sup>4</sup> probably at Newfane:

- 1-1 JOSIAH FORBES, born 1783; married PATTY TAYLOR; (2) HANNAH BARBER; (3) MARY H. MAYNARD.
  - 2 CALDWELL (COLWELL), died 1813 "at Newfane, son of Deacon Josiah Holden, aged 27 years, a young man of very steady habits and great industry."<sup>5</sup> His father was appointed administrator of his estate, Jan., 1813.
  - 3 STEPHEN, married ——— SHIELDS. Not named or represented in distribution of his father's estate in 1830.
  - 4-4 LYMAN, born 10 Jan., 1791 (9 Dec., 1790<sup>2</sup>), at Newfane; died 17 May, 1878; married DULCENIA E. JACKSON.
  - 5 POLLY, died prior to Aug., 1830; married 8 Jan., 1812,<sup>2</sup> at Newfane, NAHUM HOUGHTON of Newfane.
- Children:
1. Martha Houghton.
  2. Mary Houghton.
- 6 PATTY, born 1801; married 28 Dec., 1841,<sup>2</sup> at Newfane, LEWIS SHUMWAY of Jamaica, Vt., who was aged 74 years in 1850.<sup>6</sup>

Josiah Holden had sixty-eight acres set off to him in the northern part of his father's farm in Barre. After the Revolution he removed to Vermont. He may have been that Josiah Holden who marched 28 July, 1777, on the Bennington Alarm, a member of company commanded by Captain Stockwell, in Colonel Cushing's regiment, but most of that company were Shrewsbury men. He was one of the early settlers of Newfane, and the census of 1790 enumerated his family as himself, four males under sixteen and four females. In

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> Information of Alfred Holden of Barre.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, confirmed by Mrs. Emogene (Holden) White, 1912, but Caldwell does not appear on either list. There is a probability there was another daughter, possibly another son, both of whom probably died at an early age.

<sup>5</sup> *Boston Daily Advertiser*, 5 May, 1813.

<sup>6</sup> Vermont census, 1850. Quincy Shumway, aged 15, and Elizabeth A. Holden, "born in Vermont," completed his family.

1810 his family consisted of himself, three males between sixteen and twenty-six, one female under ten, and two between sixteen and twenty-six, and one over forty-five years. Distribution of his estate in 1830, and that of his widow's dower, 28 April, 1842, was to Josiah F. and Lyman, daughter Patty Shumway, and Martha and Mary Houghton, heirs of deceased daughter Polly.

12254 MOSES (*Josiah, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 9 July, 1753, at Barre, Mass.; died 11 Feb., 1831 at Barre (2 Feb., 1831, aged 77 years, 6 months, *g.s.*); married 7 May, 1778, at Barre, SARAH PERRY, born 18 Feb., 1758, died 21 Sept., 1842 (aged 84 years, 7 months, *g.s.*); daughter of Seth and Mercy (Haskell) Perry.

Children,<sup>1</sup> born at Barre:

- 1 Child, born 20 April, died 22 April, 1779.
- 2-2 FREEMAN, born 14 June, 1780; died 1 June, 1868; married MATILDA HULL.
- 3 SARAH, born 1 Dec., 1781; died 9 March, 1795.
- 4 ELIZA, born 18 Feb., 1784; died 22 Feb., 1822; married JONAS HOLDEN (12251-8).
- 5 MOSES, born 29 March, 1786; died 17 March, 1795.
- 6 JOSIAH, born 24 July, 1788; died 13 March, 1795.
- 7 MERCY, born 1 Dec., 1790; died 12 May, 1880, at Cambridge;<sup>2</sup> married 19 Oct., 1809, at Barre, JEREMIAH WETHERBEE, born 31 Dec., 1779, at Rindge, N. H., died 24 Aug., 1863, at Cambridge, son of John and Susannah (Page) Wetherbee. She was his second wife. He was a stonemason.

Children:

1. Sarah Holden Wetherbee, born 27 July, 1810; died 27 March, 1881, at Wellesley Hills; married 19 Aug., 1833, WILLIAM HENSHAW, born 27 July, 1810, at Cambridge, died 25 Aug., 1891, at Wellesley Hills, son of Oliver and Lydia (Andrews) Henshaw. Eight children.
2. Mary Pope Wetherbee, born 12 June, 1812; died 9 May, 1836; married 30 April, 1833, GEORGE W. EDDY of Waterford, N. Y.
3. Moses Holden Wetherbee, born 18 July, 1814; died 28 Sept., 1855; married 21 April, 1842, FRANCES HULL of Boston.
4. George Williams Wetherbee, born 28 June, 1816; died 19 June, 1818.
5. Susannah Wetherbee, born 10 Nov., 1818; died 14 Sept., 1820.
6. Mercy Warren Wetherbee, born 21 Sept., 1820; married 13 May, 1850, REV. ISAAC K. BROWNSON, of Peterboro, N. Y.
7. Charles Wetherbee, born 22 Sept., 1822; died 24 July, 1825.
8. Eliza Holden Wetherbee, born 1 Nov., 1824; married 25 May,

<sup>1</sup> In 1790 he had in his family three males under sixteen, and four females.

<sup>2</sup> Information supplied by J. O. Wetherbee, and by his son, Winthrop Wetherbee, who was born at Cambridge, 5 Nov., 1863, and married Alice Harding Clark.

- 1845, AVERY W. GILBERT of New Braintree, Mass. Seven children.
9. Henry Wetherbee, born 19 Feb., 1827; married 14 March, 1860, ELLEN MERRILL of Westfield, Mass.
  10. Seth Holden Wetherbee, born 12 Nov., 1829; died 16 July, 1905, at Fall River, Mass.; married 17 Sept., 1859, at San Francisco, MARY RAND, who died 1868, at San Francisco; (2) 20 Dec., 1871, at Fall River, LUCY ANN STAFFORD, born 27 Nov., 1825, at Fall River, died there 28 April, 1893. Seven children.
  11. Jeremiah Otis Wetherbee, born 16 Jan., 1832; died 21 June, 1901, at Boston; married 29 Jan., 1863, at Boston, MARTHA TRUNDY LOVEJOY, born 19 April, 1841, died 14 Sept., 1903. at Manchester N. H., daughter of Loyal and Mary Thomas (Stevens) Lovejoy. He was a merchant in Boston. Six children.
  12. John Williams Wetherbee, born 30 April, 1835; died 26 Oct., 1836.
- 7 SETH, born 24 Feb., 1793; died 1 May, 1872, *s.p.*; married 4 April, 1816, HARRIET CLARK of Hardwick, Mass., died 13 Feb., 1884, aged 89 years, 5 months, 15 days, *g.s.* In 1866, Mr. and Mrs. Holden celebrated their golden wedding. A brother and three sisters of Mr. Holden were present, their united ages amounting to 374 years. J. Otis Wetherbee, a nephew, contributed a hymn for the occasion. Immediately following the celebration of the golden marriage ceremony by Rev. James W. Thompson, he performed the wedding ceremony of Austin G. Wheelock and Harriet N. Clark, a niece of Mrs. Holden. More than two hundred and forty guests joined in the felicitations extended on this occasion.
- 8 CLARISSA, born 14 Aug., 1795; married 24 Dec., 1816, at Barre, Colonel Stephen Fay, Jr., born 1 May, 1789, at New Braintree, died 14 June, 1859, son of Captain Stephen and Elizabeth Fay. Children,<sup>1</sup> born at New Braintree:
1. Charles Fay, born 23 Oct., 1817; married 27 Feb., 1841, EMELINE BACON.
  2. A son, born 26 Nov., 1819; died 30 Nov., 1819.
  3. Elizabeth Freeman Fay, born 29 June, 1821; married 3 March, 1840, THOMAS P. ANDERSON.
  4. Benjamin Fay, born 8 July, 1823; married 13 May, 1846, JANE H. PRESCO, born 28 Jan. 1843.
  5. Moses Holden Fay, born 8 Jan., 1825; married 30 April, 1855, CLARA FROST.
  6. Stephen Fay, born 9 Aug., 1827; married 2 Aug., 1854, CATHERINE A. GREEN.
  7. George Adams Fay, born 20 Sept., 1829; died 28 Oct., 1831.
  8. Clarissa Fay, born 13 Sept., 1831.

<sup>1</sup> New Braintree records and Austin W. Holden papers.



9. Sarah Ann Fay, born 22 Feb., 1834; married 7 June, 1865,  
JOSIAH E. CARTER.
10. Seth Freeman Fay, born 31 March, 1837; died 3 July, 1858, *s.p.*
- 9 MELINDA, born 17 May, 1798; married 31 May, 1819, EZRA BAKER,  
who died 18 Oct., 1857, having been one of Barre's most promi-  
nent citizens.  
Children:  
  1. Adaline Augusta Baker, born 27 April, 1820; died 23 Dec., 1843.
  2. George Franklin Baker, born 7 Nov., 1823.
  3. Ezra Freeman Baker, born 31 Jan. 1827.
  4. Harriet Elvira Baker, born 17 Feb., 1831.
- 10 JOSIAH DANA, born 14 Oct., 1802; died 23 Oct., 1835 (*g.s.*), at Barre;  
married 26 Nov., 1825, MARTHA W. WADSWORTH, died 20 Jan.,  
1843, aged 40 (*g.s.* at Barre), daughter of David and Virtue  
(Willard) Wadsworth. Her will dated 17 Dec., 1842, was proved  
March, 1843. David Wadsworth was appointed guardian of the  
children, 2 Nov., 1836. Part of the estate was in Petersham.  
Children, born at Barre:  
  1. Charles Wadsworth, born 4 Oct., 1826; died 30 June, 1849,  
unmarried, near Cottenwood Creek, Cal. In the settlement  
of his estate at Worcester, he is styled late of New York  
City. He established *Holden's Dollar Magazine*.<sup>1</sup>
  2. Harriet, born 12 April, 1828; married 16 April, 1847, at Barre,  
DR. HENRY B. WILBER, who is said to have been director  
of an insane hospital at Syracuse, N. Y.<sup>1</sup>
  3. Martha, born 28 Nov., 1831; died 14 March, 1849 (*g.s.*).
  4. Abbey Perry, born 9 Feb., 1834; living 1870 unmarried.

The gravestones of Deacon Moses Holden and of his wife stand side by side in the old Lee Cemetery, near the old Holden farm in Barre. The graves of Seth Holden and his wife are in Glen Valley Cemetery at Barre. The Bible of Deacon Moses, the hall clock formerly his, portraits of his children, and various articles of household furniture which had belonged to him are in the possession of his descendant, Winthrop Wetherbee of Boston.

Moses Holden served from the 21 to 25 Aug., 1777, in Captain Benjamin Nye's company, Colonel Sparhawk's regiment on an alarm calling militia to Bennington.

He was constable eight years, assessor four years, and deacon in the church.

12256 NATHAN (*Josiah, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 2 March, 1758, at Barre, Mass.; died 10 Sept., 1808, at New Salem, Mass.<sup>1</sup>; married 28 Nov., 1782, at Barre, ABIGAIL WHITING,<sup>2</sup> born 11 Oct., 1763, died 2 April, 1851,<sup>3</sup> sister of Amos Whiting, who served in the army with her husband,<sup>1</sup> and daughter of Josiah Whiting.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> Certificate of town clerk in pension case.

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

## Children:

- 1-1 SIMEON, born 22 June, 1784,<sup>1</sup> at Barre; died —; married POLLY PEIRCE.
- 2 LUCINDA born 24 Jan., 1786 at Petersham; died 27 Sept., 1870.
- 3 FANNY, born 19 Dec., 1787;<sup>2</sup> died 24 Aug., 1874; married, 1810, DANIEL FELTON, born 9 March, 1787, died 12 Aug., 1868, son of Stephen Felton.
- Children:<sup>3</sup>
1. Myra H. Felton, born 11 Oct., 1811; died —; married 6 June, 1838, CHARLES HAGAR.
  2. Alvin Felton, born 3 Aug., 1813; died —; married 23 April, 1835, MEHITABLE WHITNEY.
  3. Lydia Felton, born 5 Dec., 1815; died 6 Jan., 1816.
  4. Franklin Felton, born 3 Nov., 1817; died —; married 6 May, 1844, SAMANTHA BRIGGS.
  5. Fanny Felton, born 10 Oct., 1819; died 22 Sept., 1840, *s.p.*
  6. Lucretia Felton, born 14 Jan., 1822; died —; married 8 July, 1858, DAVID A. FOOTE.
  7. Joseph P. Felton, born 17 Aug., 1824; died —; married 27 April, 1847, HARRIET AMANDA BRIGGS.
- 4 ABIGAIL P., born 30 Dec., 1789;<sup>2</sup> died 8 July, 1842; married 9 Feb., 1912, JOEL BACON.<sup>4</sup>
- 5 LUCRETIA, born 23 April, 1792;<sup>2</sup> died 25 March, 1869.
- 6-6 NATHAN, born 3 March, 1794;<sup>4</sup> married HANNAH TAYLOR.
- 7 JULIA WHITING, born 31 March, 1796.<sup>2</sup>
- 8 SOPHRONIA, born 30 Jan., 1798;<sup>2</sup> died 28 May, 1872.
- 9-9 JOSIAH BOND, born 19 Dec., 1800;<sup>5</sup> died 17 March, 1862; married CYNTHIA THOMPSON.
- 10 MYRA, born 31 Oct., 1804;<sup>5</sup> died 12 July, 1806.
- K-11 STILLMAN, born 1 July, 1807;<sup>5</sup> died 20 Feb., 1885; married ABIGAIL P. WHITING.

In the census of 1790, Nathan Holden of Petersham was head of a family consisting of self, three males under sixteen, and three females. The inventory of his estate taken 1 Nov., 1808, disclosed only personal property in New Salem, but that he had 1120 acres in Houlton, Me., valued at \$800. He died intestate and his widow, Abigail, was appointed administratrix. Asahel Paige of New Salem appointed guardian 10 July, 1810, of Lucinda (*sic*) and Julia W., minors over fourteen years, Sophronia, Josiah B., and Stillman, under fourteen years, children of Nathan Holden. Simeon and Lucinda Holden assent to administratrix's accounts 18 June, 1810.

Nathan Holden of Barre enlisted 5 May, 1777, and was discharged 5 July, 1777. He served in Rhode Island, in company commanded by Captain William Henry, Colonel Whitney's regiment. He may have been the man of same name in Captain Stockwell's company

<sup>1</sup> Barre Vital Records.<sup>3</sup> History of Deerfield, Mass.<sup>4</sup> R. W. Holden *Mss.*<sup>2</sup> Born at Petersham.<sup>5</sup> Born at New Salem

which marched on the Bennington Alarm of 28 July, 1777. He did enlist 28 March, 1778, and served in Captain William Marean's company, in Colonel Stearns's regiment of guards at Cambridge until 2 July. Their duty was to guard the prisoners taken at Saratoga. He again served from 31 July to 14 Sept., 1778, in Captain Jotham Houghton's company, Colonel Josiah Whitney's regiment raised for six weeks' service in Rhode Island, and again in same company, as corporal, from 3 to 19 Nov., 1778, guarding the barracks at Rutland in which were the prisoners taken with Burgoyne, and as escort to Enfield, Conn. On the 2 July, 1780, he enlisted for six months in the Continental Army. His descriptive list states he was then twenty-two years of age, light complexion, and five feet, six inches in height. He was discharged 29 Dec., 1780, and during this service was stationed at West Point, and was a member of company commanded by Captain Cooper, in Colonel Gamaliel Bradford's regiment.<sup>1</sup>

It is also possible that it was he, not his cousin of the same name, who marched from Shrewsbury in Captain Job Cushing's company of Minute Men on the alarm of the 19 April, 1775, and enlisted 28 April, until 31 Dec. Captain Job Cushing commanded a company in Colonel Jonathan Ward's regiment. If this enlistment in 1775 was by Nathan 12256, it appears strange that his widow did not mention it. As will be seen, it is possible to check the other enlistments by the statements made by her.

"Franklin Co., Nov. 20, 1838, appeared a resident of New Salem, aged 75 years, Abigail Holden, who being sworn says: That she is the widow of Nathan Holden formerly of New Salem. I knew the said Nathan Holden before he went into the army, we both lived in Barre, Worcester Co.; he was absent 8 or 9 months; he was at Bennington; was with the army in Rhode Island; he assisted in guarding the British prisoners at Rutland, Mass., which were taken at the surrender of Burgoyne. I often heard my said husband say that he was at West Point at the time of Arnold's treachery, and that he saw Major Andre hung. At this time he was absent some 8 or 9 months. My brother Amos Whiting (who has been dead a good many years) was with him at West Point, and I have often heard him say he was in the same company with my husband and in the same mess.

"I further declare that I was married to the said Nathan Holden, Nov. 26, 1782; that my husband, the aforesaid Nathan Holden, died Sept. 10, 1808. That my maiden name was Abigail Whiting."<sup>2</sup>

"Josiah B. Holden of New Salem, Nov. 20, 1838, says that he was well acquainted with Nathan Holden, the late husband of Abigail Holden who is about to apply for a pension, and that said Nathan Holden died at his house in New Salem Sept. 10, 1808."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>2</sup> Pension records.

12263 AARON (*Thomas, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 23 June, 1755, at Barre; died in Ellisburg, Jefferson Co., N. Y.;<sup>1</sup> married 30 Oct., 1777, at Barre, RACHEL RICHARDSON.<sup>2</sup> He is said to have had a second wife, ANNA.<sup>1</sup>

There is doubt connected with the identification of Aaron of Ellisburg with Aaron of Barre (12263). The latter disappears from Barre after the birth of Esther, who appears, but there is no proof, to be that Esther who married at Chester, Vt. There is a record at Chester of the marriage, 1 Dec., 1796, of Aaron Holden and Lydia Muzza. Chester is in Windsor County, and Joseph, brother of Aaron, settled there, and their brother John was married there. The census of 1790 and that of 1810 fail to disclose the residence of Aaron Holden. He was not given as head of a family in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, or New York yet, if children ascribed to him below are correctly given, he was certainly a citizen who should have been enumerated. He is said to have served in the American Revolution; if so he may be that Aaron Holden found as a member of the company commanded by Captain John Oliver, Colonel Sparhawk's regiment, who served in New Jersey in 1777, for the period of three months prior to August. It is known that Aaron had a daughter Esther, and it is believed that he was father of sons Lewis, Asa, and Eli, as given in the list of children, but no evidence has been found to confirm the list as a whole, which is taken from the R. W. Holden *Ms.*, and there said to have been taken from "History of Northern New York" where the line of Asa is continued.

The list is printed subject to correction.

Children:

- 1 ESTHER, born 10 April, 1778; perhaps married 20 Feb., 1800, at Chester, Vt., JOSEPH WHITTEMORE, JR., "both of Chester."<sup>2</sup>
- 2 THOMAS.
- 3-3 LEWIS, born 1783; married ANNA THOMPSON.
- 4 TIMOTHY.
- 5-5 ASA, born 1791; married PLUMA WILCOX.
- 6-6 ELI.
- 7 AARON.
- 8 JOHN.
- 9 CHARLES.
- 10 RACHEL.
- 11 JEMIMA.
- 12 SALLY. There is record of SALLY HOLDEN of Middlebury, Vt., and PETER TWITCHELL of the same place, marrying there, 11 Nov., 1821.<sup>2</sup>
- 13 ANNA.
- 14 HARRIET.
- 15 LUCY.
- 16 DAVID.

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> Town records.



12264 JOSEPH (*Thomas, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 23 June, 1755, at Barre, Mass.; died 5 Nov., 1833, at Chester, Vt., "aged 78 years";<sup>1</sup> married 15 Sept., 1785, at Barre, MRS. JEMIMA (STEVENS) MARSH,<sup>2</sup> born 1750, died 3 Feb., 1847, at Chester,<sup>1</sup> widow of Samuel Marsh, whom she had married 29 Dec., 1768, at King's Chapel, Boston.<sup>3</sup>

Children:

- 1 - 1 (?) JOSEPH S., born 1791, in Massachusetts,<sup>4</sup> living 1870; married CYNTHIA REYNOLDS.
- 2 (?) SOPHRONIA, as of Chester, married there 7 April, 1819, EBENEZER DINSMORE of Cavendish.<sup>1</sup>
- 3 (?) HANNAH, as of Chester, married there 12 April, 1820, AMASA TURNER of Chester.<sup>1</sup>

The census<sup>5</sup> of 1810 found at Chester Joseph Holden, the only one of the name there enumerated as a head of a family, having a family of self, over 45 years, one male between the ages of 16 and 26, and three females, one over 45 years, one under 10, and one between the ages of 16 and 26.

Joseph Holden served throughout the American Revolution. He enlisted at Barre in the company of Captain Benjamin Gates, Colonel Holman's regiment, Mass. Line, on or about 5 July, 1776, in which he served until December, 1776. He reënlisted from the 7th Worcester regiment of militia, March 13, 1777, in Reed's company, Colonel John Brook's regiment; was at Cherry Valley, February-April, 1779, following the engagement there with the Indians, 11 Nov., 1778, in which he took part; and he also took part in the engagement with the Indians at Onondaga in April, 1779. He was promoted corporal in July, 1780, and sergeant the following month. On descriptive list dated 20 Feb., 1782, he is described as sergeant in Capt. Eliphalet Thorp's company, Brook's (7th) regiment, age 27 (also given as 22 and 23); five feet, eight inches (also given as five feet, seven inches and also six feet) complexion dark (also appears as light), hair brown (also given as black and as light); born at Barre. He was tried by court martial 24 March, 1782, for abusing sergeant Pike, and demoted. He was discharged 8 June, 1783. His own declaration of service, made 13 April, 1818, when seeking a pension, which was granted, asserts that he was in the battle of Harlem Heights, White Plains, two engagements with Burgoyne's army, and at Bemis Heights and Stillwater, at Cherry Valley and Onondaga and also at New Town Point, the last three with the Indians, and enclosed with his application a warrant constituting him first sergeant in company

<sup>1</sup> Chester records.

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Mss.*

<sup>5</sup> The census of 1790 found a Joseph Holden at Dummerstown, Vermont, head of a family of self, one male under sixteen and two females.

<sup>2</sup> Certificate in pension case.

<sup>4</sup> Vermont census of 1860.

late Captain John Read's, from 1 Feb., 1780, dated 1 Dec., 1780, at West Point.

After his death the pension was continued to his widow, who filed various documents in the case, one being a deposition by Arannah Spear of Braintree, Vt., dated 20 Oct., 1837, asserting that Jemima was then of Cavendish, and that she was his mother's sister, and the widow both of Samuel Marsh and Joseph Holden. She testified 23 Oct., 1838, that she was aged 88 years, was a resident of Chester, and furnished a certificate of her first marriage. Kezia Spear, sister to Jemima, of Orange, Vt., aged 84 years, deposed that she was three years younger than Jemima and had lived in Brookfield, Mass., until she was 30 years old, and that her sister married Samuel Marsh in Boston, and later Joseph Holden; and that her three brothers, Silas, Jude and Roger Stevens were in the Revolutionary army, and that Samuel Marsh was also in the army, and she believes an officer when "he last left never to return. Her sister had five children."

12268 JOHN (*Thomas, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 13 Oct., 1763, at Barre, Mass.; died 11 Jan., 1845, at New Hudson, N. Y.; married 21 June, 1798, at Chester, Vt.,<sup>1</sup> IRENA CARYL, born 22 July, 1770, at Hopkinton, Mass., died 19 May, 1873, at New Hudson (near Belfast<sup>2</sup>) N. Y., aged 102 years, 9 months, 27 days, daughter of Thomas and Esther (Wright) Caryl.

Thomas Caryl was wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill, and his daughter remembered the occasion and circumstances, as well as many other incidents of her childhood, to the day of her death, which occurred at the house of her son, Thomas Caryl Holden. Two of her uncles were killed in the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars. She was the oldest of fourteen children.<sup>3</sup>

Mr. Holden was a shoemaker. He also taught school. It is said of him that he was a "mathematician of very rare genius." Warned at Rockingham, Vt., 7 June, 1813, with wife and eight eldest children. The United States Census of 1810 did not find him at Chester, Vt., nor was he enumerated in New York.

#### Children:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 ROSELLA, born 4 Sept., 1798, at Chester; died 16 April, 1872, at New Hudson, N. Y.; married 9 Feb., 1822, at Rockingham, OTIS MARSH of Chester.
- 2 JOHN, born 19 Feb., 1800, at Chester; he went South in 1821, and all trace of him was lost.
- 3-3 THOMAS CARYL, born 4 Feb., 1802, at Chester; married RANDA D. DAMON.
- 4 OLIVE PEABODY, born 25 Oct., 1803, at Rockingham; died unmarried.

<sup>1</sup> Chester records.

<sup>2</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

- 5 HARVEY, born 19 Oct., 1805, at Rockingham; died at Groton, N. Y., living 1877.
- 6 FANNY, born 30 July, 1807, at Rockingham; died unmarried.
- 7 LAWSON, born 1 July, 1809; died 6 Dec., 1844, at Providence, R. I.,<sup>1</sup> unmarried.
- 8-8 RUFUS, born 20 May, 1811, at Springfield, Vt.; married LEVINA A. LUTHER.
- 9-9 GEORGE STILLMAN, born 19 May, 1814, at Rockingham, Vt.; died 25 Jan., 1873; married MARY J. DAMON.

12294 DAVID (*Aaron, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 7 May, 1762,<sup>2</sup> at Barre, Mass.; died 2 Oct., 1836, at Shrewsbury, Vt.; married 20 Feb., 1791, at Barre, HANNAH MASON,<sup>2</sup> born 15 Feb., 1763, at Barre, daughter of Elder John and Elizabeth (Dunton) Mason.<sup>2</sup>

Children,<sup>3</sup> born at Shrewsbury, Vt.:<sup>4</sup>

- 1-1 HARRY, born 5 Nov., 1791; died 1 Dec., 1876; married ELIZABETH G. SPENCER; (2) MRS. SARAH SMITH.
- 2-2 DAVID, born 5 Jan., 1793; died 27 March, 1860; married MARY FOX; (2) LYDIA TOWNSEND.
- 3 HARRIET, born 5 Oct., 1798; died March, 1813.
- 4 (?) Son, living 1810, under 10 years of age.

David Holden removed to Shrewsbury, Vt., the year he was married, into what was then almost a wilderness. His brother Elijah occupied an adjoining farm. David held many responsible offices, was representative to the Legislature for seven years and a magistrate for twenty-five years.<sup>5</sup>

The census of 1790 found at Shrewsbury, Vt., David Holden head of a family of two males over 16 and one female. As Elijah accompanied David to Shrewsbury, and was not married till 1796, it is probable that the brothers settled in Shrewsbury earlier than family tradition asserts. Perhaps their sister Rachel accompanied them. She married in 1793 a Bethel man. Family tradition asserts that David settled at Shrewsbury in 1787.

The census of 1810 enumerates in his family two males between 16 and 26 years, and one under 10, also one female between 10 and 16 and one between 26 and 45 years of age, probably his wife, who was actually 47 years of age.

12297 ELIJAH (*Aaron, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 4 Jan., 1768,<sup>6</sup> at Barre, Mass.; died prior to 1850, at Shrewsbury, Vt.; married 4 Dec., 1796,<sup>7</sup> at Shrewsbury, Vt., SARAH BROWN, born 10 Feb., 1778, at Johnston, R. I., died 24 Nov., 1867, at Shrewsbury,

<sup>1</sup> Providence Deaths.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* Information probably received from Harry Holden (12294-1).

<sup>5</sup> Information of Harry Holden, 1867.

<sup>6</sup> Town records.

<sup>7</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* Dr. Elijah B. Holden (12297-9) supplied information regarding this family, about 1889.

daughter of Reuben Brown who removed to Shrewsbury from Rhode Island.<sup>1</sup>

This family is not found in the United States Census of 1810.<sup>2</sup>

While recovering from a broken leg, in 1786, Elijah Holden made a powderhorn from an oxhorn, which he carved quite elaborately with date, name, two trees, birds and animals, all with a pocket knife. It is in possession of his grandson, Elijah N. Holden of Iliff, Colo., to whom it was given about 1880.

Children, born at Shrewsbury, Vt.:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 - 1 HANNIBAL, born 12 May, 1798; died 15 Aug., 1877; married ESTHER WILLIS; (2) ACHSAH DAY.
  - 2 MARY WATERMAN, born 21 Oct., 1800; died about 1 March, 1877, at North Clarendon, Vt., unmarried. She lived with her brother, James S.
  - 3 ANNA CLARK, born 10 Dec., 1802; died 18 Dec., 1834, at Lockport, N. Y., unmarried.
  - 4 - 4 OBADIAH, born 27 Jan., 1805; died 5 Sept., 1871; married NANCY WATERMAN.
  - 5 ACHSAH, born 27 March, 1807; died 24 Nov., 1867; married 3 Dec., 1833, GEORGE W. WEBB of Shrewsbury, born 27 Sept., 1808; died , son of George Washington and Patience (Clark) Webb. They lived at Shrewsbury.
- Children:<sup>4</sup>
1. Henry Webb, born Oct., 1834; married Feb., 1860, SYLVIA MONROE.
  2. Ann Eliza Webb, born April, 1837; married October, 1856, JOHN ENOS MARSH.
  3. Mary Webb, born Aug., 1839; married Feb., 1860, SAMUEL FARR.
- 6 - 6 JAMES SULLIVAN, born 19 July, 1809; died 2 Sept., 1891; married ELIZABETH P. WATERMAN.
  - 7 SALLY, born 16 Dec., 1811; living 1877, unmarried. In 1860, living with her brother, James S.
  - 8 - 8 ELI LATINUS, born 5 May 1814; died 26 Jan., 1879; married ELIZA A. CRAMPTON.
  - 9 - 9 ELIJAH BROWN, born 28 July, 1816; died 22 Feb., 1892; married JERUSHA A. BROWN; (2) ORRA E. BILLINGS.
  - 10 NEWTON, born 5 April, 1819; died young.

1229J RUFUS (*Aaron, James, Justinian, Richard*), born 28 March, 1774,<sup>4</sup> at Barre, Mass.; died 3 Feb., 1842, at Barre;<sup>4</sup> married 25 Dec., 1803,<sup>4</sup> at Barre, ANNA PARTRIDGE, born 15 Sept., 1781, died 24 Oct., 1853, daughter of Thaddeus and Thankful (Adams) Partridge.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Winslow Memorial*, 1:303, *et seq.*, where also descendants of Achsa (Holden) Webb may be found.

<sup>2</sup> Report of Miss Williams, 1921.

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* Dr. Elijah B. Holden (12297-9) supplied information regarding this family about 1889.

<sup>4</sup> Town records.

<sup>5</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* The *Partridge Genealogy* in *N. E. Hist. Geneal. Reg.*, gives her death as 1 Aug., 1851.



Rufus Holden lived at Barre on his father's homestead. He communicated items of family interest in 1820.

Children born at Barre:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 AARON, born 31 March, 1804; died 3 Jan., 1883.
- 2 CYRENE, born 21 Aug., 1806; married 14 April, 1836, at Barre, NATHAN WOODIS.<sup>1</sup>  
Child:  
1. Sarah Ann Woodis, born 27 March, 1837,<sup>1</sup> at Barre.
- 3 A daughter, died 15 Jan., 1811.
- 4 CAROLINE, born 26 April, 1812; died 12 Sept., 1850.
- 5 THANKFUL, born 21 June, 1816; died 1818.
- 6 RUFUS BRADLEY, born 7 April, 1819.
- 7-7 WILLARD, born 7 April, 1821;<sup>2</sup> died 20 June, 1879; married RHODA SPOONER.
- 8-8 DAVID, born 10 Feb., 1826; died 23 April, 1891; married AMELIA SPOONER.

12411 EBENEZER (*Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Justinian, Richard*), born 1730; died Nov., 1790, "aged 60 years," at Granville;<sup>1</sup> married 1 July, 1761, at Granville,<sup>1</sup> MARTHA HOLLE, who survived her husband.

Children, born at Granville:<sup>1</sup>

- 1-1 DARIUS, born probably in 1762.
- 2-2 EBENEZER MITCHEL, born 7 Jan., 1764; died 13 July, 1845; married HEPZIBAH GOODRICH.
- 3 ADA<sup>3</sup> born 29 Sept., 1768; married DAVID GOODRICH, born 12 Dec., 1754, son of Alpheus and Hepzibah (Hubbard) Goodrich. She was living in 1790.
- 4 JEDUTHAN, born 3 May, 1771; married prior to 1790.<sup>3</sup> In the census of 1790 he is enumerated at Granville, having a family of self and wife. In 1792 he purchased of the executor of his father's estate a small piece of land sold to meet the debts of the estate, and April 24, 1793, then of Granville, he sold all his interest in his father's estate to Eliakim Miller.<sup>4</sup>
- 5-5 WILLIAM, born 9 July, 1773; married PRUDENCE BELDEN.
- 6 ELIZABETH, not living in 1790; married ASA SIMONS, who had died prior to 1790.  
Child:  
1. Naomi Simons, under 18, 1792; named in grandfather's will.

Ebenezer Holden was a farmer in Granville. He was a committee to report on a highway from Blandford to Granville in 1771,<sup>3</sup> and in 1783 he is named on a list of inhabitants of Granville, as 53 years of age. His will, dated 4 Nov., 1790, was probated the following 7 December. The relict Martha and Enos Seaward were appointed

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> Austin W. Holden papers, from which the records of descendants of Rufus were obtained by R. W. Holden.

<sup>3</sup> Records at Northampton.

<sup>4</sup> Hampshire Deeds, 35:501.

executors. His property, including real estate, was bequeathed to his widow, sons William, Mitchel, Jeduthan, and Darius, daughter Adah, wife of David Goodrich, and granddaughter Naomi Simons.<sup>1</sup>

The widow deeded her dower rights in forty acres and a half acre by the house and barn, 23 April, 1794.<sup>2</sup> She was appointed guardian of William, son of Ebenezer Holden, 9 July, 1790, and is at that time styled "grandmother" of the ward, an evident error in description as he was described as "aged 17 years," corresponding with the birth of her son William.

The historian of Oxford found Ebenezer Holden living there in February, 1755.

He may have been that Ebenezer Holdman who enlisted 27 April, 1759, in Lt.-Colonel Nathan Payson's company, 1st Regiment, of Hartford. Job Holden, otherwise unknown, was drafted in 1762 from Wallingford but did not join his company.

12432 SAMUEL (*Jabez, Ebenezer, Justinian, Richard*), born 10 Aug., 1755, at Oxford, Mass.; died in New York; married ABIGAIL AYRAULT, died 26 July, 1812, "aged 50 years" (*g.s.* at Salisbury, Conn.), daughter of James and Abigail (Kilborne) Ayrault.<sup>3</sup>

Samuel Holden was enumerated in the census of 1790 at Sandisfield, head of a family of self, two males under 16, and 3 females. About 1803 he settled at Salisbury, Conn., that part now Lakeville, buying land there Dec., 1803. After the death of his wife he removed to Binghamton, N. Y.

Children:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 TRYPHENA, born 17 Sept., 1784, at Sandisfield.<sup>4</sup> (Tryphena Holden or Pease died 20 Dec., 1805, Montville Baptist Church records at Sandisfield.<sup>3</sup>)
- 2 WILLIAM WARD, born 9 March, 1786; at Sandisfield;<sup>4</sup> died unmarried and insane.<sup>3</sup>
- 3 ABIGAIL, born 12 May, 1788, at Sandisfield;<sup>4</sup> married ELIPHALET BUELL.
- 4 ASHBEL<sup>4</sup> (Ashley Reiley<sup>3</sup>), born 9 Feb., 1790, at Sandisfield.
- 5 JAMES AYRAULT, born 12 March, 1795, at Sandisfield;<sup>4</sup> married JANE PARK.
- 6 SARAH, born 11 April, 1797, at Sandisfield.<sup>4</sup>
- 7 REBECCA, born 15 Feb., 1800, at Sandisfield;<sup>4</sup> married — STEPHENS.<sup>3</sup>
- 8 MARY ANN,<sup>3</sup> married SAMUEL FITCH.<sup>3</sup>
- 9 LYMAN.<sup>3</sup>
- J-10 GEORGE ANSON,<sup>3</sup> born 1805; died 26 Jan., 1861; married SALLY A. SELLECK.

16313 ISAAC (*Benjamin, Joseph, Samuel, Richard*), born 12

<sup>1</sup> Records at Northampton.

<sup>2</sup> Information of W. H. Perry, Jr., of Lakeville.

<sup>3</sup> Hampshire Deeds, 35:501.

<sup>4</sup> Sandisfield records at New Boston.

April, 1748,<sup>1</sup> at Framingham, Mass.; died prior to June, 1811, at Leverett; married ISABELLA, who was living later than 1811, and had a lease for life of certain real estate from Elijah Gardner.<sup>2</sup>

Children, "of Isaac and Isabella," born at Southborough:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 SARAH, born 20 July, 1773; married 11 Oct., 1792,<sup>1</sup> at Southborough, JONATHAN PRATT of Framingham. Removed to Leverett, 1808.<sup>3</sup> Children,<sup>1</sup> born at Framingham:
  1. Levi Pratt, born 27 May, 1794.
  2. Lesy (Lucy<sup>3</sup>) Pratt, born 8 May, 1796.
  3. Lusene (Lucene<sup>3</sup>) Pratt, born 5 Aug., 1798.
  4. Lucinda Pratt, born 14 Dec., 1800.
- 2 - 2 ISAAC, born 20 Aug., 1775.
- 3 - 3 BENJAMIN, born 24 March, 1778; died 1851; married CATHERINE HOLDEN, his cousin.
- 4 - 4 JOHN, born 9 April, 1781; died 20 May, 1838; married LEVINA MERCHANT.
- 5 NATHAN, born 15 April, 1784; died prior to 5 June, 1811, intestate, on which date Isabel Holden, widow, Benjamin Holden, John Holden, Jonathan Pratt and Sally, his wife, Elijah Gardner and Abigail, his wife, Mitty Holden, and Comfort Graves, single woman, heirs to Nathan Holden, convey to Isaac Holden all the real estate said Nathan died seized of.<sup>4</sup>
- 6 NABBY, born 15 July, 1787; died 22 July, 1787.
- 7 NABBE, born 4 July, 1788; married ELIJAH GARDNER.
- 8 MITTEE, born 14 April, 1793; unmarried in 1813. She was of Leverett, insane, in 1842. Elijah Gardner, guardian, rendered his second account Sept. 17, 1844.<sup>5</sup>

Isaac Holden was a cordwainer. He purchased in 1771 ten acres of woodland in Framingham.<sup>6</sup> About the time of his marriage he removed to Southborough. In the census of 1790 his family consisted of self, four males under sixteen years, and four females. In April, 1804, he received from his son John a deed of the latter's lands in Southborough and Westborough, and 3 Dec., 1805, sold to Ephraim Ward of Waltham, 56 acres in those two towns, including his homestead lot, which bounded on land of Isaac Newton.<sup>7</sup> He removed to Leverett, where he owned a quarter interest in a saw-mill and millyard privilege, which Isaac Holden, Jr., bought of his brothers and sisters and mother, 5 June, 1811, at which time there was a general settlement of the estate by deeds, by which Isaac came into possession of the homestead,<sup>8</sup> except one third part, the dwelling house, which his sister Mitty possessed.

16314 BENJAMIN (*Benjamin, Joseph, Samuel, Richard*), born

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> Berkshire Deeds, 31:207.

<sup>7</sup> Worcester Deeds, 155:250; 164:554.

<sup>8</sup> Berkshire Deeds, 31:205, 206, 207, 208; 32:241; 33:224.

<sup>2</sup> Berkshire Deeds, 75:89.

<sup>5</sup> Berkshire Probate.

<sup>3</sup> Bullock *Ms.*

<sup>6</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 78:102.

29 August, 1752,<sup>1</sup> at Framingham, Mass.; died 20 April, 1822, at Leverett, Mass.;<sup>2</sup> married Sept., 1777, ELIZABETH BALLARD, a widow, born 1753, living 1837, at Wendell, Mass.<sup>2</sup> She died 29 Nov., 1845, at Wendell, per certificate, Berkshire Probate, death of pensioner. She died at the house of her grandson, Lyman Holden.

Children, born at Framingham:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 CATHERINE, born 22 Nov., 1778; married BENJAMIN HOLDEN (16313-3).
- 2 THOMAS ROGERS, born 5 July, 1781; not living 1845; married — JONES, of Leverett.<sup>4</sup>
- 3 NATHANIEL, born 25 Dec., 1784; married SUSANNA HARDING<sup>5</sup> of Medway.
- 4 BETSEY, born 18 Nov., 1789; living 1845; married WILLIAM BOWERS<sup>5</sup> of Littleton. See 19313-9.

Benjamin Holden lived in Framingham, Sherborn, Medway and Leverett. While living at Framingham, he was known as "Benjamin, Junior." He was a member of the company of minute men commanded by Captain Simon Edgell, which marched from Framingham on the Alarm of the 19 April, 1775, and on the 24 April enlisted in Captain Thomas Drury's company, 5th Mass. regiment (Colonel Nixon) and was in that company 22 Dec., 1775, in camp at Winter Hill. He enlisted in May, 1777, and served 2 months, 8 days, in Rhode Island, in Captain John Gleason's company. He again enlisted 31 August, 1781, in Captain Asa Drury's company, Colonel Turner's regiment, and served in Rhode Island until discharged, 26 Sept., 1781.<sup>6</sup> Other details regarding his military service can be gleaned from the papers in his pension case, of which abstracts are given below.

Benjamin Holden of Leverett made declaration, 20 April, 1818, at Greenfield, that he entered the service soon after the battle of Lexington for the term of eight months in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Drury in Colonel John Nixon's regiment in the Massachusetts line, and was honorably discharged. He immediately reënlisted for one year in a company commanded by Captain James Millins, Colonel Ward's regiment in the line, and was honorably discharged at Fishkill, N. Y. He was then in the sixty-sixth year of his age, in reduced circumstances, wholly destitute of property, and in great need of assistance from his country for support.

Samuel Snell of Hopkinton, also a soldier in Captain James Millins' company, joined said company in Dorchester, 1 Jan., 1776. He certified 17 May, 1819 that Benj. Holden, then of Framingham, now of Leverett, was a soldier in the same company. Timothy Walker of Hopkinton certified to the same effect.

<sup>1</sup> Framingham Vital Records.

<sup>2</sup> Pension case papers. His application is dated 20 April, 1818.

<sup>3</sup> Framingham records, certificate of town clerk in pension case. <sup>4</sup>Bullock *Ms.*

<sup>5</sup> Bullock *Ms.*, where it is stated that Mrs. Susanna (Harding) Holden became insane, and died at the State Hospital, 14 Aug., 1836, aged 53.

<sup>6</sup> Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution.



Benjamin Holden, aged sixty-eight years, of Medway, made deposition 17 July, 1820, that he enlisted under Captain James Millins of Hopkinton, and served twelve months under him and Captain Jonathan Ward of Southborough in the Massachusetts line, and was dismissed at Harlem Heights, Jan. 1, 1777. Afterwards he served at Sherburne. Later he went on a private expedition under Captain Daniel Eames of Holliston, as will more fully appear by his declaration made about 20 April, 1818. His pension certificate is number 12316. He has no family residing with him except a son, aged thirty-five. He is a basket-maker but unable to work above half the time.

Jabez Sawyer and Jabez Sawyer, Jr., of Wendell, testified that they have been acquainted with Elizabeth Holden ever since the death of her husband, Benjamin Holden, and that she had remained a widow.

Elizabeth Holden, aged eighty-four years, of Wendell, 15 March, 1837, declared she was widow of Benjamin Holden, formerly Benj. Holden, Jr., who was on the pension list, and who on 17 July, 1819, was a resident of Medway. By reason of infirmity she was unable to appear in court. The judge, Newcomb, went to the dwelling house of Silas Haskell, near her residence, New Salem, where she appeared before him. She was married to said Benjamin, September, 1777, at Framingham. Her husband died about 20 April, 1822.

Gilbert Marshall of Framingham, seventy-seven years old, deposed he was born in Framingham, has always lived there. He knew Benjamin Holden, Jr., before the commencement of the Revolutionary War of America, during that war, and long afterwards. He was well acquainted with Mr. Holden and his family. His wife's name was Elizabeth Holden, and he was well acquainted with her before her marriage. She was a widow at that time. Her former husband's name was Ballord. "We had no settled clergyman in Framingham at that time, and it was asked who Mr. Holden would get to perform the marriage ceremony. The answer was, 'some justice of the peace,' and soon afterwards I understood that they had been married by a justice of the peace."

16315 JOSEPH (*Benjamin, Joseph, Samuel, Richard*), born between April, 1762, and July, 1763,<sup>1</sup> probably in 1762, in Middlesex County;<sup>2</sup> died, it is supposed prior to 1790; married (intention at Reading, 15 Dec., 1786)<sup>3</sup> HANNAH NEWTON of Framingham. He

<sup>1</sup> His birth as late as 1762 or 1763 would appear probable and in agreement with his age as given in his descriptive list, and also account for the omission of his name among the children of Benjamin Holden at the time he and family were "warned" at Framingham, Stoneham, Reading, and Woburn. The constant removal of his parents from one town to another is the reason for failure to find his birth record, for there seems no good reason to doubt that Joseph was son of Benjamin (1631), although no evidence other than family tradition or the decision of early genealogists dealing with this family has been found.

<sup>2</sup> Inferences drawn from the F. A. Holden and R. W. Holden *Mss.*, checked by what little has been found on the records.

<sup>3</sup> Framingham records, certificate of town clerk in pension case.

married, second, 30 Aug., 1788, at Bradford,<sup>1</sup> JANE ATWOOD of Bradford, born there (baptized 12 July, 1761) daughter of Samuel and Mary (Uran) Atwood.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1 EBENEZER,<sup>1</sup> born 1789.

2-2 JOSEPH, married (intention at South Reading 20 Aug.) 13 Sept., 1819, at Stoneham,<sup>3</sup> SALLY CROCKER. A Joseph Holden died at South Reading 24 Sept., 1841, aged about 40 years, according to the church record.

Joseph Holden enlisted July, 1780, for six months in the Continental Army, to the credit of Stoneham, and was described as then seventeen years of age, light complexion, five feet, seven inches in height. He was discharged 14 Dec., 1780. He enlisted 12 April, 1781, for three years, to the credit of the town of Reading, and his age was then given as nineteen, and was described as light complexion, dark hair, gray eyes, and a farmer.<sup>4</sup> He was at Camp Totoway, October, 1780.

16414 WILLIAM (*Samuel, Samuel, Samuel, Richard*), born 2 April,<sup>5</sup> 1768, at Marblehead; died 14 March, 1853, at Woburn,<sup>6</sup> married 17 Oct., 1790, ELIZABETH BROWN, born 1767 at Sheepscot, Maine, died 28 April, 1816, (*g.s.* at Stoneham), daughter of Abiel and Thankful Brown.

He married, second, 13 Jan., 1823, at Woburn,<sup>6</sup> ABIGAIL CONVERSE, who died 13 April, 1841.<sup>5</sup>

He married, third, 21 Dec., 1841, at Woburn,<sup>6</sup> BETSEY SIMONDS, born 1801, died 25 Nov., 1861, at Woburn, aged sixty years,<sup>6</sup> daughter of Lemuel and Mary (Maxwell) Simonds of Bedford.<sup>5</sup>

William Holden lived in Stoneham for many years, but after 1823 is referred to as of Woburn, where his son William was settled. His house was partly in Stoneham and partly in Woburn.<sup>7</sup> He was a cordwainer.

Children,<sup>5</sup> born<sup>6</sup> and baptized at Stoneham:

1 BETSEY, born 29 Dec., 1791; baptized 19 Feb., 1792; died 16 Nov., 1823,<sup>6</sup> at Woburn; married (published 24 Nov., 1807<sup>5</sup>) ZADOK WYMAN, son of Zadok and Betsey Wyman, died 22 Dec., 1849, aged 62 years.<sup>6</sup> He married (2) 24 Dec., 1826, ELIZABETH HADLEY. Children:<sup>6</sup>

1. Luther Wyman, born 24 Aug., 1809; married SOPHIA,<sup>5</sup> of Woburn.

<sup>1</sup> Given only by R. W. Holden, but without reference to authority.

<sup>2</sup> Inferences drawn from the F. A. Holden and R. W. Holden *Mss.*, checked by what little has been found on the records.

<sup>3</sup> Vital Records, printed. Joseph Holden is described as of Reading. No children are found credited to him on the records of Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, or Woburn. There was a Hannah Holden enumerated in 1790 at Stoneham, living alone. See page 155.

<sup>4</sup> Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution.

<sup>5</sup> F. A. Holden *Mss.* Information probably obtained from Luther Holden (16414-6).

<sup>6</sup> Town records.

<sup>7</sup> *History of Middlesex County*, 2:484.

2. Stillman Wyman, born 10 Feb., 1817; married 13 May, 1843,  
NANCY DAMON.<sup>1</sup>
3. Nancy Elizabeth Wyman, born 23 Oct., 1818.
- 2-2 WILLIAM, born 5 March, 1795; died 22 May, 1862; married SALLY  
TAY; (2) CATHERINE T. CHILD.
- 3-3 ABIEL, born 9 March, 1798; baptized 8 April, 1798; died 4 Nov.,  
1863; married LYDIA TEMPLE; (2) MARTHA REYNOLDS.
- 4 SAMUEL, born 14 (baptized 24<sup>2</sup>) Aug., 1800; died 25 Feb., 1833, *s.p.*<sup>3</sup>
- 5 MARTHA, born 14 Jan. (baptized 11 Feb.<sup>2</sup>), 1803; died 31 Jan., 1836<sup>2</sup>  
married ——— SHED.<sup>4</sup>
- 6-6 LUTHER, born 25 Feb., 1805; died 12 Nov., 1865; married MARY R.  
BROOKS.
- 7 MARY, born 3 May (baptized 11 Oct.<sup>2</sup>), 1807; died 7 Sept., 1827.<sup>3</sup>

16415 THOMAS (*Samuel, Samuel, Samuel, Richard*), born 11 April, 1770, at Marblehead; died 18 Dec., 1842,<sup>5</sup> at Billerica; married 12 Oct., 1794,<sup>6</sup> at Woburn, POLLY MUNROE, died 14 March, 1847, aged 75, at Billerica.<sup>7</sup>

He was administrator of his father's estate. He settled in Billerica in 1802.<sup>5</sup>

Children:<sup>5</sup>

- 1 ABIGAIL, born 11 Sept., 1795; married 7 Feb., 1819, at Billerica,  
REUBEN FRENCH, born 26 Feb., 1792, son of Reuben and Abigail  
(Farmer) French.<sup>5</sup>  
Children, born at Billerica:<sup>5</sup>
  1. Henry Page French, born 23 May, 1824.
  2. Henry Holden French, born 15 Jan., 1827.
  3. George Page French, born 15 Sept., 1829.
- 2 THOMAS, born 14 May, 1798; of Stoneham.<sup>8</sup>
- 3 HENRY, born 8 April, 1800; died young of fever.<sup>9</sup>
- 4-4 GEORGE, born 10 June, 1802; died February, 1876; married ELLEN  
BENNETT.
- 5 AMASA, born 8 June, 1804; accidentally shot, 29 June, 1813.
- 6 MARY ANN, born 26 Dec., 1806; died 1 Nov., 1825.<sup>7</sup>
- 7-7 ARTEMAS (ROGERS), born 15 Oct., 1809; died 1884; married ANN  
BOWERS;<sup>2</sup> (2) SUSAN A. BATES.
- 8-8 AMASA, born 12 Oct., 1813; died 29 Feb., 1876; married CELIA FOSTER.

The five eldest children were baptized 25 May, 1806, and are named in Asa Holden's "Journal."

16417 ASA (*Samuel, Samuel, Samuel, Richard*), born 11 Dec., 1773, at Stoneham; died 29 May, 1856,<sup>5</sup> at Concord, N. H.;<sup>10</sup> married

<sup>1</sup> Town Records.

<sup>2</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* Information probably obtained from Luther Holden (16414-6).

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* R. W. Holden remarks, "probably married Daniel Shedd, 8 May, 1823, at Woburn." The marriage is not on Woburn records, nor are children recorded there. Mrs. Bullock adds that her son Daniel Shed was born 2 Jan., 1824.

<sup>5</sup> Hazen: *History of Billerica.*

<sup>6</sup> Town records.

<sup>7</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.* Mrs. Bullock states she married James Munroe Kidder.

<sup>8</sup> Married 26 Dec., 1856, Mary Ann Glinn of Roxbury. (F. A. Holden, quoting Stoneham records, and where his birth is given 20 Sept., 1797.)

<sup>9</sup> Bullock *Ms.*

<sup>10</sup> Statement of Abiel Holden.

23 July, 1795, at Woburn, SALLY MILLER,<sup>1</sup> born 14 Feb., 1778, died 18 April, 1796, at Woburn, aged 18 years,<sup>1</sup> daughter of Job and Sarah (Gould) Miller.<sup>2</sup>

He married, second, 10 Aug., 1798, at Woburn, MARY RICHARDSON,<sup>1</sup> who died 10 Dec., 1799, aged 25,<sup>1</sup> daughter of Reuben and Jerusha (Kendall) Richardson.<sup>2</sup>

He married, third, 1 Jan., 1801,<sup>3</sup> at Burlington, NANCY WYMAN, born 5 Nov., 1777,<sup>2</sup> died 1 Dec., 1833,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Ezra and Eunice (Perkins) Wyman.<sup>3</sup>

He married, fourth, 10 July, 1834, ELIZABETH GOULD, of Stoneham,<sup>3</sup> who died 2 April, 1841,<sup>3</sup> aged 63 years, 3 months, 29 days, *g.s.* at Stoneham,<sup>2</sup> daughter of David and Dorcas Gould.<sup>2</sup>

He married, fifth, 19 Sept., 1841<sup>4</sup> (10 Oct., 1841<sup>2</sup>), MRS. MARY LAWRENCE of Medford, who died 14 Dec., 1854, aged 75 years.<sup>2</sup>

Children,<sup>5</sup> the six youngest born at Billerica:

1 A DAUGHTER, born 5 April, 1796; died 9 April, 1796.<sup>4</sup>

By second marriage:

2-2 ASA, born 28 June, 1799; died 25 Aug., 1876; married AMANDA R. J. BEARD.

By third marriage:

3 NANCY, born 21 Sept., 1802; died 10 Feb., 1808.

4-4 ISAAC, born 9 Nov., 1803, at (Burlington); married LOUISA WELLINGTON.

5-5 PERKINS, born 3 March, 1805; died 30 March, 1878; married HARRIET MONROE.

6-6 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, born 14 Dec., 1806; died 29 Nov., 1874;<sup>4</sup> married HARRIET MORSE; (2) SARAH E. ROUNDS.

7-7 DANIEL, born 20 April, 1809; died 11 April, 1899;<sup>4</sup> married SARAH HAYNES; (2) ROXANNA HAYNES.

8 MARTHA WYMAN, born 10 Aug., 1811; married 22 April, 1838, JOSEPH WHITE of Bedford, born 14 Nov., 1774, at Littleton, died 13 Sept., 1872, son of Joseph and Mary (Harrington) White.

9 NANCY RICHARDSON, born 22 Dec., 1816; died 5 March, 1834.

10 JOHN WYMAN, born 25 Sept., 1818; died 6 Oct., 1819.

Asa Holden kept a journal in which he entered many family records, including items concerning his grandfather and the latter's family. On 16 April, 1804, he noted, "This day we moved from Burlington to Billerica." 2 March, 1813, "Bought and moved on the place which was Thomas Craige's." 4 July, 1834, "This day we moved from Billerica to Stoneham." His son or grandson added that Asa moved from Stoneham to West Concord, N. H., 9 Jan.,

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, probably obtained in part from *Giles Memorial*.

<sup>3</sup> Hazen: *History of Billerica*.

<sup>4</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>5</sup> Hazen: *History of Billerica*, and F. A. Holden *Ms.*, the one supplementing the other. The latter quotes Stoneham records for the dates of the fourth and fifth marriages.



1855, and spent the remainder of his days there. He also noted that Martha W. married Joseph White, and lived on a farm in Billerica.

16451 JOHN (*John, Samuel, Samuel, Richard*), born 28 Dec., 1761, at Stoneham, Mass.; died 22 Dec., 1828, at Otisfield, Maine; married (intention 14 Feb., 1784<sup>1</sup>) SYBIL T. MOORS, born 26 June, 1760, at Groton, Mass., died 2 May, 1822, at Otisfield, Maine, daughter of Joseph and Amy (Hubbard) Moors and granddaughter of Jonathan and Sybil (Tarbell) Moors,<sup>1</sup> and sister of Major Jonathan Moors.

John Holden, styling himself of Reading, tailor, and Sybil his wife "one of the heirs of Captain Samuel Tarbel, deceased," conveyed to Hezekiah Hodgkins and John Cummings, both of New Ipswich, their one thirty-sixth interest in Tarbel's farm in Mason, N. H., 3 May, 1784.<sup>2</sup>

Children:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 - 1 JOHN born 12 Oct., 1784 (1785) at Reading; died 25 Jan., 1865; married POLLY RAY; (2) MRS. POLLY MAYBERRY.
- 2 - 2 HENRY, born 21 Jan., 1787, at Woburn;<sup>4</sup> died 25 Sept., 1876; married ABIGAIL M. RAY.
- 3 SALLY, born 14 June, 1789, at Woburn; died 13 Sept., 1865, at Charlestown, Mass.; married 23 Jan., 1812, JOEL STEVENS of Norway, Maine.
- 4 THIRZA (THERESA), born 1 July, 1791;<sup>3</sup> died 5 Jan., 1858, at Otisfield; married 22 Dec., 1819, JONATHAN MOORS of Otisfield. For descendants of her son, who was brought up by his uncle and took the name of Holden, see under Samuel K. Holden (16451.41).
- 5 GEORGE PEIRCE, born 23 Jan., 1796;<sup>3</sup> died 27 Aug., 1871, at Otisfield, where he occupied the old homestead; married 13 May, 1828, OLIVE KNIGHT, daughter of Stephen and Ann S. (Houston) Knight of Otisfield. She died 5 June, 1867, and he married (2), 4 Nov., 1868, MRS. HULDAH HALL, his first wife's sister.<sup>5</sup> She died 3 Dec., 1876, aged 77. No issue. Mr. Holden was well read on chosen subjects, and well instructed in the Bible. He sometimes lectured Sunday afternoons, and was one of the early abolitionists. He was selectman.
- 6 - 6 JESSE, born 22 March, 1800,<sup>3</sup> at Otisfield; died 29 June, 1870; married CAROLINE F. KNIGHT.
- 7 SYBIL, born 24 June, 1803, at Otisfield<sup>3</sup> (14 June, 1803, at Wrentham);<sup>6</sup> died 27 Feb., 1856; married 13 Jan., 1825, DAVID THURSTON, born 16 Feb., 1791, died 31 Dec., 1846, son of David and Polly (Spurr) Thurston.<sup>7</sup> He was a farmer in Otisfield.

Children:<sup>7</sup>

1. Abel Moors Thurston, born 31 Aug., 1835; married 28 Dec., 1871, ARAMENTA JANE PITTS.
2. Martha Ann Thurston, born 24 March, 1827; married 27 Oct.,

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> Hillsboro Deeds, 18:400.

<sup>3</sup> G. B. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> Woburn records.

<sup>5</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>6</sup> Bullock *Ms.*

<sup>7</sup> *Thurston Genealogies*, where descendants will be found.

- 1850, LYMAN NUTTING KIMBALL of Portland, Maine. For descendants see Kimball Genealogy.
3. John Holden Thurston, born 7 Feb., 1829; of Otisfield.
  4. Charlotte Thurston, born 28 July, 1831; married 25 April, 1857, at Casco, Maine, CYRUS K. HOLDEN (16452.13).
  5. Abigail Frances Thurston, born 14 July, 1833; died 12 Aug., 1864; married 4 July, 1852, at Saco, JAMES DORRANCE HATCH. They lived at South Waterborough, Maine.
  6. Sybil Holden Thurston, born 12 Jan., 1836; died 24 March, 1867, unmarried.
  7. Syrene Wight Thurston, born 13 Sept., 1839; married 4 March, 1860, BENJAMIN BAILEY WALTON. Lived at York Centre, Iowa.
  8. David William Porter Thurston, born 9 April, 1843; married 1 May, 1866, EMILY WIGHT. He was a farmer at Eight Mile Grove, Cass Co., Neb. He served in the Civil War, in the 5th Maine Volunteers.
  9. Amelia Knight Thurston, born 7 Oct., 1845; married 4 July, 1863, JOHN L. HOLT, and lived in Peabody, Mass.
- 8 MARY ANN, born 5 Nov., 1807, at Otisfield;<sup>1</sup> married 25 Sept., 1831, SEWARD MAYBERRY. They removed to Elmwood, Neb., in 1874. No issue. An adopted son, Americus V. Durrell, born 19 Nov., 1829, accompanied them.

G. B. Holden, who compiled an account of the Otisfield families, stated that John Holden with his family, then including five children, left Woburn the last day of February, 1796, and reached Otisfield March 3, travelling by sleigh. He settled on the farm which had been located by Major Jonathan Moors, his brother-in-law, now known as the George Holden place.

On the 12 April, 1798, John Holden, Jr., of Otisfield, gentleman, purchased from George Peirce of Otisfield, Esquire, for \$500, one hundred acres, being lot No. 86, second division. The deed, recorded with Cumberland Deeds, 33:92, was witnessed by Henry Holden.

John Holden served in the Continental Army. He enlisted 15 July, 1779, to the credit of Stoneham. His age is given as 17 years, height, 5 feet, 7 inches; light complexion. He was discharged 15 April, 1780, having served in Captain Bancroft's company, 8th regiment, Colonel Jackson. He reënlisted, 10 April, 1781, for three years, aged 19 years, height 5 feet, 7½ inches, light complexion, sandy hair and light eyes. He may be that John Holdin whose name appears on the rolls of Tupper's regiment credited with service from 1 Jan., 1781, the last entry crediting him with twelve months' service from 1 Jan., 1782.<sup>2</sup> He was promoted corporal 1 April, 1782,

<sup>1</sup> G. B. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> According to family tradition his father was a lieutenant and John accompanied him as his "waiter." Both were members of Captain Green's company, Colonel Fox's regiment of Middlesex militia, and John Holden, Junior, enlisted from that company 15 July, 1779, into Bancroft's company, as stated above.

and in December, 1782, was member of company commanded by Captain Matthew Chambers, 6th regiment (Lieut.-Col. Calvin Smith). There was another John Holden who had served in this regiment from 27 Dec., 1777 to 31 Dec., 1780.

"In 1797 he was elected clerk of the Plantation of Otisfield. He settled on the west side of Pleasant Pond, on lot No. 65, then thickly wooded, which he cleared and made into a farm. In the winter he cut sawlogs which he readily sold to Saccarappa lumbermen.

He and his wife are buried, also his father and mother, in the little burying ground in front of the 'Old Meeting House,' on Otisfield Hill.

'Otisfield Hill' is a slightly eminence from which can be had a fine view of the White Mountains in New Hampshire. This is where the first settlers in Otisfield met for worship, and where the first Holdens who settled in Maine lie buried. A short description of the view from this hill, it is thought, will not be out of place.

At the east lies Streaked Mountain, marked with a white track from top to bottom, as if the sons of Jupiter had slid down it on a stone drag carrying away everything in their path. Farther north, twelve miles distant, high up, serenely sits the village of Paris Hill, the county seat of Oxford County, its white church spires piercing the clouds. The sparkling waters of Moose and Saturday ponds lie between in the same direction.

To the north at a distance of seventy miles is seen the long, blue hazy outline of Mt. Washington; and further west, Mounts Adams, Jefferson, Madison, and the sugar loaf Kearsarge.

To the west, twelve miles off, lies the village of Brighton Center, white as a midsummer bride, against the dark background of Pleasant Mountain, standing silent guard over it. In the southwest, the glittering waters of Lake Sebago coquette with the sunshine.

Two miles south of where we stand lies Pleasant Pond, a lake three miles long, surrounded by its broad beach of white sand. Further east are seen the darker waters of Thompson Pond, a lake eight or ten miles long. Between the mountains and the hill at our feet may be seen farms and fields, with here and there a grove which shelters and shields some cozy farm house from the blasts and storms of winter."<sup>1</sup>

16452 CAPTAIN DANIEL (*John, Samuel, Samuel, Richard*), born 15 Oct., 1763, at Stoneham, Mass.;<sup>2</sup> died 23 July, 1849,<sup>3</sup> at Sweden, Maine; married 21 June,<sup>2</sup> 1787, ELIZABETH HILL of Reading, died 6 Jan., 1823, aged 59 years, 10 months (*g.s.* at Sweden).

He married, second, POLLY HILL.

<sup>1</sup> G. B. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> G. B. Holden *Ms.* The births of the children were recorded at Otisfield.

<sup>3</sup> Papers in Pension case.

He married, third, 25 Nov., 1832, at Westbrook, Maine,<sup>1</sup> Mrs. STATIRA WHITEMAN, born 1775.<sup>1</sup>

He was enumerated in 1790, at Stoneham, his family consisting of self, wife, and one male under sixteen.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 - 1 ROWLAND, born 26 June, 1788, at Stoneham; died 28 May, 1845; married DORCAS PLUMMER.
- 2 - 2 DANIEL, born 19 Nov., 1792, at Malden; died 6 Aug., 1838; married SALLY P. WALKER.
- 3 HARRIET, born 11 June, 1794, at Malden; married JAMES STONE of Sweden, Maine.
- 4 ELIZABETH, born 12 Jan., 1797, at Hillsboro, N. H.; married JABEZ PARKER of Reading.
- 5 MARY, born 14 March, 1804, at Otisfield; married BENJAMIN WEBBER of Sweden.

In 1794 he purchased seventy acres on the west side of the road from Hillsborough Bridge to the meeting house, adjoining other land he owned, and was assessed there in 1795, but he sold this farm, 110 acres, 12 Jan., 1798. He described himself as a tailor, and at the time of his purchase was of Malden.<sup>3</sup>

Although he had learned the trade of a tailor, he became a farmer. After living in several places, he settled in Maine about 1800, going first to Otisfield, where he was taxed in 1801. He owned the first wagon in Otisfield. He bought land there 11 Aug. 1798.<sup>4</sup> He was a prominent man in town and county; selectman 1800-17, except 1804-6, justice of the peace, and deputy to the General Court of Massachusetts. According to the deposition of his stepson, he was living in 1832 at Westbrook. In 1803 the town records describe him as lieutenant, and in 1809 as captain. He ultimately exchanged farms with his brother Philo and removed to Sweden.

He enlisted in July, 1779, for nine months, to the credit of Mystic, and is described as sixteen years of age, light complexion, five feet one inch in height. He reënlisted 1 Nov., 1779, being then seventeen years of age, five feet 4 inches in height, for during the war, to the credit of Stoneham.<sup>5</sup> He served during the first enlistment in Captain Brook's company, Colonel Stearns' regiment, and during the second as matross in Burbeck's company, Crane's Artillery.

In 1818 Daniel Holden of Sweden "aged fifty-five years" applied for a pension, and his papers on file give the following information:

After serving about six months, he enlisted on the first of November, 1779, for during the war, into Captain Henry Burbeck's company of artillery, belonging to Colonel Crane's regiment, commanded by

<sup>1</sup> Papers in Pension case.

<sup>2</sup> G. B. Holden *Ms.* The births of the children were recorded at Otisfield.

<sup>3</sup> Hillsboro Deeds.

<sup>4</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 34:626.

<sup>5</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.





CAPTAIN DANIEL HOLDEN

From portrait in possession of Mrs. Emma W. (Holden) Woodbury



General Knox, and served in this situation till the ninth of June, 1783, when he was discharged by General Washington — which discharge is hereunto annexed.

In 1828 he made further declaration, asserting he was a bombadier in Crane's regiment and had received a certificate "for the reward of eighty dollars." He was not then on the pension list. In 1840 he was living with Luther Holden at Sweden. He was known as Esquire.

Mrs. Statira Holden, resident of Pawtucket, June 25, 1853, aged seventy-eight years, applied for a pension. She was married 25 Nov., 1832; her husband died July 23, 1849. She is now a widow; said Holden was her third husband; her second husband's name was Whiteman.

William C. Whiteman, of Colchester, Vermont, aged thirty-eight years, deposed that Mrs. Statira Holden of Pawtucket, formerly of Sweden, Maine, was his mother. He witnessed her marriage at Westbrook, Maine, on Sunday, at the house of said Holden, by the Rev. Mr. Jewett, then a resident of said town. My mother has resided since 1851 with my brother in Pawtucket.

16455 JESSE (*John, Samuel, Samuel, Richard*), born 17 May, 1769, at Stoneham,<sup>1</sup> Mass.; died 16 Jan., 1860, at Mt. Vernon, Maine; married 9 Dec., 1805,<sup>1</sup> at Malden, SALLY DYER, born 10 Nov., 1797,<sup>2</sup> died 14 Sept., 1849, at Farmington, Maine,<sup>1</sup> daughter of Joseph and Sally (Merritt) Dyer.<sup>2</sup>

Jesse Holden manufactured shoes in Malden, in which his sons helped. In 1837 he removed to Maine. He and his wife are buried in Malden.<sup>1</sup>

Children, born at Malden:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 - 1 JESSE, born 5 Dec., 1806; died 1892; married MARY OLIVER.<sup>2</sup>
- 2 ELISHA, born 31 July, 1808; died 22 April, 1864, at Chelsea, *s.p.*; buried at Malden; married 1 Dec., 1831, BETSEY RICH, born 1811, died 19 Aug., 1868, daughter of Captain Henry and Chloe (Smith) Rich of Malden.<sup>3</sup>
- 3 ESTHER, born 7 Oct., 1809; died aged about ten years.
- 4 SALLY DYER, born 29 March, 1810; died 15 Feb., 1811.<sup>2</sup>
- 5 - 5 ALVAH, born 22 Dec., 1811; died 24 March, 1896; married BETSEY STEVENS.
- 6 - 6 ELIJAH, born 1 or 18 Jan. (Nov.<sup>4</sup>), 1814; died ; married LUCY HALL.
- 7 SARAH, born 25 June, 1815; died 14 March, 1839; married 28 April, 1833, WILLIAM WAITT of Malden, who married again and had three children.

Children:<sup>5</sup>

1. William Otis Waitt, born 30 May, 1834, at Malden.

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, also F. D. Holden. <sup>2</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.* Information of Warren F. Holden, 1912.

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* quoting Winslow Genealogy, p. 194.

<sup>4</sup> Lynn Directory.

<sup>5</sup> R. W. Holden credits her with another child, Sarah Frances Waitt, born 9 Jan., 1848 (*sic*), adopted by her uncle Elisha Holden. According to the Bullock *Ms.*, this child was Sarah Elizabeth, born 4 March, 1839. (See Malden records.)

- 8 ELIZABETH, born 24 Sept., 1817; married ALBERT STEVENS of East Boston, where she lived after his death.  
 9 DAVID JONES, born 9 Aug., 1822; died 17 Sept., 1840, at Malden.

16456 NATHAN (*John, Samuel, Samuel, Richard*), born 22 Aug., 1773,<sup>1</sup> at Stoneham; died 11 March, 1853 (1863), at Malden; married 9 Feb., 1797, at Reading,<sup>2</sup> ESTHER DAMON of Reading, who died 9 July, 1847, at Casco, Maine, and was buried at Reading,<sup>1</sup> born 3 Nov., 1761, daughter of Jabez and Lucy Damon of Reading.<sup>2</sup> "Esther, wife of Deacon Nathan Holden" died 9 July, 1847, in her eighty-sixth year (*g.s.* at Reading).<sup>3</sup>

He married, second, 5 Mar., 1849, at Falmouth, Maine, ANNA MARSTON.<sup>4</sup>

Nathan Holden was a carpenter and master-builder, and lived many years at Malden, also several places in Maine.<sup>1</sup> He and his wife Esther were admitted to Otisfield Church, July, 1843.

Children, born at Malden:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 - 1 AARON, born 30 Sept., 1797; died 8 April, 1886;<sup>5</sup> married ESTHER WEBBER.  
 2 NATHAN DAMON, born 1 Nov., 1799; died 1 Nov., 1822, at Providence, R. I., unmarried. Buried in Malden.  
 3 - 3 WILLIAM PARKER, twin with Nathan D., died 11 Nov., 1889; married LYDIA BRIGHAM.

16457 PETER (*John, Samuel, Samuel, Richard*), born 14 March, 1775, at Stoneham; died 7 March, 1844, at Sweden, Maine; married 28 Feb., 1797, at Malden, HANNAH WATTS BRINTNALL, born 14 Aug., 1776, at Chelsea, baptized 29 Sept., 1776; died (after 1856), at Sweden, Maine, daughter of Benjamin and Rachel (Watts) Brintnall of Chelsea.

Children:<sup>6</sup>

- 1 - 1 BENJAMIN BRINTNALL, born 16 Sept., 1798; died 1882; married HANNAH DUNHAM.  
 2 - 2 PETER, born 6 July, 1800, at Otisfield; died 28 Nov., 1878; married LUCY B. DUNHAM.  
 3 PHEBE, died young.  
 4 - 4 EZRA, born 3 Aug., 1803, at Otisfield; died 20 March, 1846; married ALMIRA WEBSTER LINCOLN.  
 5 NANCY, died young.  
 6 - 6 LIBERTY, born 8 Jan., 1808, at Sweden; died Dec., 1881; married SALLY COX STEARNS.  
 7 RACHEL WEBSTER, born 1812, at Sweden; died ; married

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> Reading records.

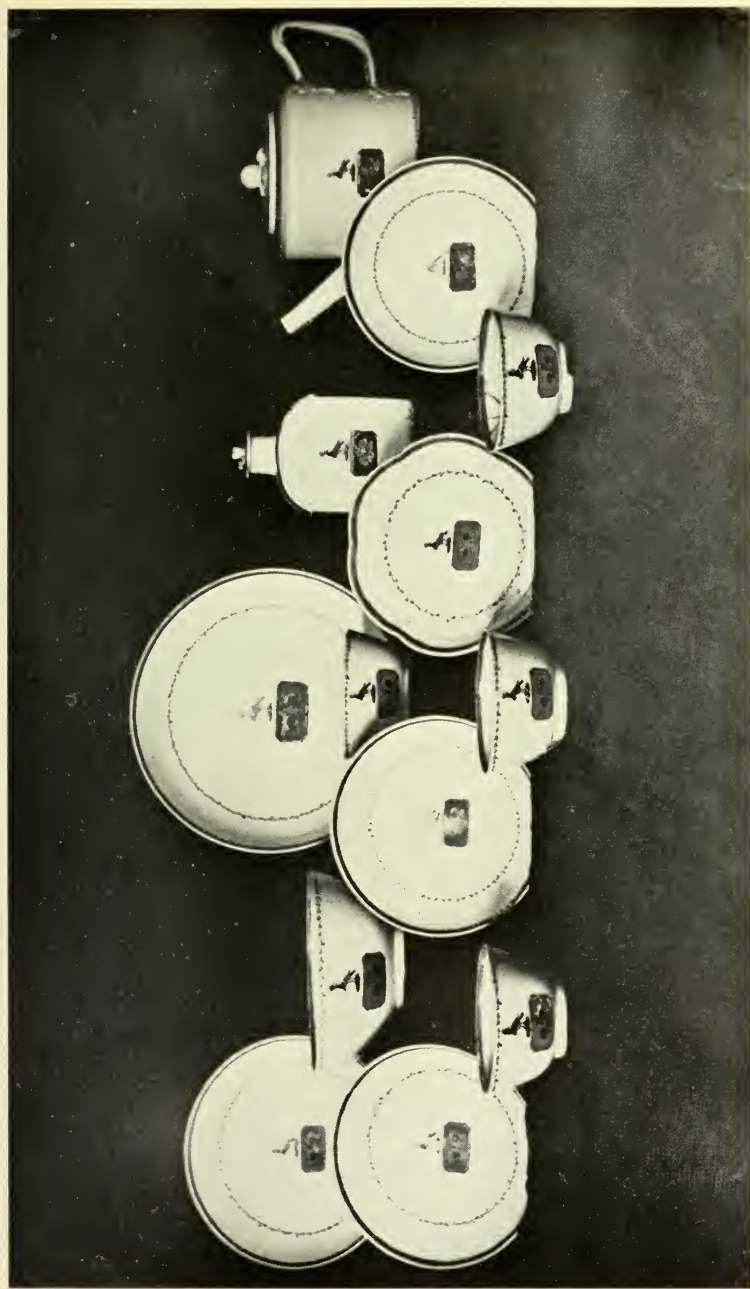
<sup>3</sup> G. B. Holden *Ms.* Samuel Knight noted in his diary under date of 4 July, 1847: "Auld Nathan Holden's wife of Casco is buried today." Mr. G. B. Holden thought the burial was not in Otisfield.

<sup>4</sup> Statement of William O. Holden.

<sup>5</sup> Bullock *Ms.*

<sup>6</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* The births of Peter Holden, his wife and two eldest children are recorded at Otisfield.





LOWESTOFT CHINA, PRESENTED TO HANNAH Brintnall on marriage to Peter Holden  
Bought in England by her uncle, a ship-master. Now in possession of Dean Hawley Holden



JAMES WHITNEY, born 1809, at Bridgton, Maine, living 1877, at Denmark, Maine, a farmer.<sup>1</sup>

Children:<sup>1</sup>

1. John C. Whitney, born 1836, at Bridgton.

2. Eli W. Whitney, born 1840, at Bridgton.

3. Elden S., born 1844, at Sweden.

4. Zebina G., born 1847, at Denmark.

5. Elenor F., born 1850, at Denmark.

8-8 JAMES HASSON, born 2 April, 1810, at Sweden; died 1877; married LUCY WHITCOMB.

9-9 NATHAN W., born 1816, at Sweden; died 21 Sept., 1860; married HARRIET A. RICHARDSON.

10 HANNAH; married WILLIAM NEVERS of Sweden, son of Samuel Nevers. Children:<sup>1</sup>

1. Alonzo J. Nevers, born 18 July, 1842, at Sweden; married ROSE HILL, daughter of Daniel K. and Nancy P. (Hall) Hill.<sup>1</sup> He was a manufacturer of piano and organ keys.

2. Peter Nevers.

3. William Marshall Nevers, born 1828, at Sweden; died ———; married 1856, MARY E. D. SANDERS. They lived at Fryeburg, Maine.

4. Ezra Nevers, died.

5. Nathan Nevers, died.

6. Benjamin Nevers, lived at Sweden.

7. Holden Nevers, lived at Fryeburg.

8. Esther Nevers, died.

9. Abigail Nevers, died.

10. Mary Nevers, died.

11. Phebe Nevers, married ORIN MAXWELL of Sweden.

11 ELI, died in Philadelphia, where he was a jeweler. He left children.

Peter Holden removed to Otisfield, Maine, where it is said he built a house near Chambers' Corner; thence to Sweden. He journeyed on horseback into the wilderness, accompanied by his wife and son Benjamin. Their cooking was done in the open for six weeks until the house was built, in the erection of which his wife assisted. There was a house-warming the night the house was ready, and the family was agreeably surprised by a visit from three of Mr. Holden's brothers and their wives.<sup>1</sup> In 1896 this farm was known as the Patch place, occupied by Tarbell Patch's daughter, Mrs. Cornelia Andrews. John Holden of Otisfield, gentleman, conveyed to Peter Holden of Otisfield, 30 April, 1800, one-half of one hundred acres, Lot 86, 2d Division. Sibyl Holden joined, and the witnesses were Peletiah March and Henry Holden.<sup>2</sup>

Sweden was settled in 1794, the first settler being Samuel Nevers from Burlington, Mass., who was living in his ninety-first year, and

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Mss.*

<sup>2</sup> Cumberland Deeds, 37:98.

whose son married Hannah Holden. He was followed by Benjamin Webber from Bedford, Jacob Stevens from Rowley, Andrew Woodbury and Micah Trull from Tewksbury, and Peter Holden from Malden. Nevers and Trull, Mrs. Holden and Mrs. Woodbury were living in January, 1857, on the farms originally occupied by them.<sup>1</sup>

The signers from Sweden, to the petition for separation from Massachusetts, presented to the General Court to assemble 4 May, 1819, were: Samuel Nevers, Benjamin Webber, Thaddeus Bemis, Jr., William Nevers, Ebenezer Stevens, Andrew Woodbury, William Nevers, Jr., Abraham Maxwell, Micah Trull, Nahum Maxwell, Dominicus Frost, Nathaniel Flint, James Flint, John H. Grant, Oliver Haskell, Reuel Tower, Samuel Nevers, Jr., Asa Nevers, Nathan Holden, Aaron Holden, Peter Holden and Daniel Charles.

16459 EZRA<sup>2</sup> (*John, Samuel, Samuel, Richard*), born 11 April 1782, at Stoneham; died 25 March, 1853, at Malden; married 19 April, 1804, at Malden, PHEBE NICHOLS, born 22 Feb., 1779, died 7 Oct., 1868, at Malden,<sup>3</sup> daughter of John and Phebe (Oakes) Nichols. Mrs. Holden at her death was the oldest native of Malden. Her mind was clear and her recollections of long past generations very distinct. She was a descendant in the sixth generation from James Nichols of Malden, 1660, and in the fifth generation from Thomas Oakes of Cambridge, 1642. Ezra Holden learned the shoemaker's trade, and continued in this business as it developed into one of New England's great industries.

Children, born at Malden:

- 1 - 1 EZRA, born 15 April, 1805; died 1 July, 1874; married LUCY SHUTE.
- 2 PHEBE, born 27 May, 1807; died 17 May, 1845; married (intention 25 March, 1826), ANTHONY LOVETT, born 18 May, 1804, in Boston, died 13 Dec., 1886. He married (2) MARY ANN WAIT.
- 3 CHILD, born and died 15 Feb., 1809.
- 4 - 4 ELI, born 7 May, 1810; married PHEBE SHUTE.
- 5 - 5 DANA, born 20 Oct., 1812; died 6 Sept., 1887; married ALMIRA COWDRY; (2) MRS. ELLEN S. (POND) PAGE.
- 6 MARY LYNDE, born 13 April, 1815; died 29 May, 1830.
- 7 HANNAH SARGENT, born 30 July, 1817; died 17 Dec., 1869; married 28 Dec., 1854, CALEB WAITE of Malden, born 16 Jan., 1808, living 1878 at Malden,<sup>4</sup> son of Thomas and Hannah (Cheever) Waite. Their children died in infancy.
- 8 MARY HUSSEY, born 18 Dec., 1820; died 29 March, 1894, unmarried.

1645J PHILO<sup>5</sup> (*John, Samuel, Samuel, Richard*), born at Malden, Mass.; died at Otisfield, Maine; married MARTHA REED, born at

<sup>1</sup> See Coolidge and Mansfield: *History and Description of New England*.

<sup>2</sup> This family record is from the *Ms.* of F. A. Holden who had the assistance of D. P. Corey, historian of Malden.

<sup>3</sup> Bullock *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> Corey: *Waite Family*.

<sup>5</sup> The record of this family is chiefly from the F. A. Holden *Ms.*



Otisfield, died at Casco,<sup>1</sup> Maine, daughter of William (or ? Samuel) and Martha (Tarbel) Reed of Groton.<sup>2</sup>

Philo Holden "accompanied his brother Peter to Sweden, Maine, in 1797, and on his return to Otisfield fell from his horse, broke both hips, one fracture being double. He remained at Harrison until able to be taken home." He lived in Sweden, but exchanged farms with his brother Captain Daniel, who had lived in Otisfield.<sup>3</sup>

Children (probably born in Sweden):<sup>4</sup>

- 1 SOPHIA, born 1808 (1807);<sup>4</sup> married JAMES J. KNIGHT of Otisfield, and lived at Peoria, Ill.

Children:<sup>5</sup>

1. James Bradley Knight.
2. Eliza Billings Knight.
3. Harvey Mayberry Knight.
4. Elijah Knight.
5. Aaron Holden Knight.
6. Catherine Knight.
7. Betsey Sophia Knight.
8. Mark Knight.
9. Daniel Holden Knight.

- 2 MARTHA, born 1810 (1811);<sup>4</sup> married EBENEZER BUSSELL of Otisfield, and lived at Ashland.

Children:<sup>5</sup>

1. Ellis Bussell.
2. Georgiana Bussell.
3. John Eastman Bussell.
4. Martha E. Bussell.

- 3-3 DANIEL, born 1812 (1813);<sup>4</sup> married ELIZA PHINNEY, of Raymond, Maine.

- 4 TARBEL, born 1815; died 1842,<sup>3</sup> unmarried.<sup>4</sup>

- 5-5 AARON B., born 31 Jan., 1817; died 15 March, 1889; married HANNAH H. EASTMAN.

18651 CAPTAIN JOHN (*Nathaniel, Jonathan, John, Richard*), born 14 April, 1764, at Dunstable, Mass.; died at Nashua, N. H., 21 Jan., 1833; married 18 April, 1786, at Nashua, N. H.,<sup>6</sup> SUSANNA THOMPSON, born 30 Oct., 1767, at Dunstable, Mass., died 19 Oct., 1830, at Hollis, N. H., daughter of Nathan and Sarah (Swallow) Thompson.<sup>7</sup>

Children:

- 1 SUSANNA, born 24 Feb., 1793, at Tyngsboro, Mass.; died 24 July, 1866, at South Merrimack, N. H.; married 21 Aug., 1815, at Tyngsboro,<sup>6</sup> DAVID ELLIOT, born 6 Sept., 1789, at Dublin, N. H., died 30 April, 1871, at South Merrimack, son of John and Rachel (Nutting) Elliot.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Casco was formerly part of Raymond.

<sup>2</sup> G. B. Holden *Ms.* Samuel Reed was killed by lightning at Windham, July, 1784.

<sup>3</sup> Bullock *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> G. B. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>5</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>6</sup> Town records.

<sup>7</sup> Record of this family from F. A. Holden *Ms.*, agreeing with record of Austin Holden.

<sup>8</sup> Austin Holden papers.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

1. John Holden Elliot, born 18 Oct., 1815, at Amherst, N. H.; died there 4 May, 1825.
  2. Susan Elliot, born 22 Sept., 1818, at Amherst; died 31 Oct., 1891; married 30 Nov., 1853, JEREMIAH NEEDHAM of Hollis. She died at Brookline, N. H.
  3. Jane Elliot, born 22 April, 1822; died 26 May, 1868, at Nashua; married FIFIELD H. MESSER of Nashua.
  4. David Burns Elliot, born 6 Sept., 1824, at Amherst; died 11 March, 1865, at South Merrimack; married NANCY RIDDER.
  5. John Holden Elliot, born 8 March, 1827; died Feb., 1841, at Amherst.
  6. Charles Carroll Elliot, born 20 Jan., 1829; died 11 Oct., 1830, at Amherst.
  - 2 JOHN, born 1 March, 1795, at Tyngsboro; died there 17 Aug., 1813.
  - 3 - 3 JAMES, born 23 July, 1796, at Tyngsboro; died 22 Aug., 1829; married CHARLOTTE BUTTERFIELD.
  - 4 - 4 NATHAN THOMPSON, born 19 June, 1798; died 24 Feb., 1834; married BETSEY BALDWIN.
  - 5 ABIGAIL WOODS, born 13 Feb., 1800, at Tyngsboro; died 31 May, 1854, at Nashua; married 13 (11) Feb., 1819 at Tyngsboro, DANIEL BUELL, born 29 March, 1794, at Newport, N. H., died there 3 March, 1841, son of Matthew and Mary (Nevers) Buell.
- Children, born at Newport, except the two youngest:
1. Eliza Ann Buell, born 2 Jan., 1820; died 28 March, 1869, at Nashua; married BENJAMIN F. PIPER of Newport.
  2. Charles Henry Buell, born 4 Aug., 1821; died during the Civil War, circumstances unknown; married ELMIRA CUMMINGS of Westford, Mass.
  3. John Holden Buell, born 28 March, 1823; married 22 Sept., 1847, ABIGAIL PUTNAM CRAM of Nashua. Lived in Clawson, Mich.
  4. James Franklin Buell, born 11 March, 1825; died 10 June, 1863, at Amherst; married 8 Sept., 1847, PAMELIA THOMAS.
  5. William Page Buell, born 11 Nov., 1826; died 23 Jan., 1879, at Nashua; married 13 Oct., 1852, DOROTHY EVELYN AVERY of Westfield, Mass.
  6. Horace Parker Buell, born 12 July, 1828; died 12 Jan., 1882, at Portsmouth, Va.; married 4 Aug., 1850, LUCELIA ACERIE-ETH STRICKLAND; (2) 4 May, 1869, EMMA JANE COCKE.
  7. Mary Abigail Buell, born 3 Dec., 1830; died 17 Oct., 1838, at Lempster, N. H.
  8. Daniel Wallace Buell, born 7 Jan., 1834; died 20 Oct., 1838, at Lempster.
  9. Martha Jane Buell, born 29 Aug., 1835; died 3 Feb., 1886, at Worcester; married 25 Oct., 1858, EDWARD PAYSON PEVEY of Worcester.
  10. Eleanor M. Buell, born 3 Feb., 1837; died 17 April, 1837, at Newport.

<sup>1</sup> Austin Holden papers.

11. Harrison Hurd Buell, born 18 Sept., 1838, at Lempster; died 20 Oct., 1867, at Worcester; married 18 Feb., 1859, MARY ELIZABETH LUND of Nashua.
12. Daniel Elmer Buell, born 29 Aug., 1840, at Lempster; died 25 July, 1888, at Newburyport; married 24 Nov., 1868, ANNIE ELMER SPAULDING.
- 6 MARY RICHARDSON, born 16 Nov., 1803; died 23 June, 1881, at Waltham; married 21 Sept., 1824, at Tyngsboro, CHARLES PARKER, born 1802, at Dunstable, died 13 June, 1829, at Nashua, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Green) Parker. She married (2) 30 Nov., 1856, CHARLES UNDERWOOD of Nashua, who died 1 Feb., 1863. Children, born at Nashua:
  1. Mary Elizabeth Green Parker, born 26 March, 1826, died there 23 Feb., 1884; married 15 March, 1847, JACOB DOW MARCH, of Nashua.
  2. Caroline Parker, born 11 Dec., 1827; died 28 Sept., 1889, at Forge Village, Mass.; married 13 Aug., 1847, THOMAS WEBB CARY, of Nashua.
  3. Elmira Parker, born 26 Jan., 1829; died 4 Feb., 1891, at Dunstable; married 4 Nov., 1851, GEORGE PARKHURST, of Dunstable.

John Holden, commonly known as Captain Holden from his commission in the militia, was a farmer. At different periods he lived at Dunstable, Tyngsboro, Hollis, and Merrimack, all nearby towns. He was commissioned 31 May, 1776, as first lieutenant in the 5th (Butterfield's) company ("east company in Dunstable") of the 7th Middlesex regiment, Colonel Simeon Spaulding.<sup>1</sup> He is probably that John Holden of Dunstable who served as a private 24 Aug. to 27 Nov., 1781, in company commanded by Captain Asa Drury, Colonel Turner's regiment, called on for service in Rhode Island.<sup>2</sup>

Administration on his estate was granted 6 Feb., 1833, he being described as Dunstable, gentleman, to Charles G. Atherton, at request of the widow "Lydia."

18654 NATHANIEL (*Nathaniel, Jonathan, John, Richard*), born, 25 Jan., 1769, at Dunstable, Mass.; died 19 July, 1837, at Tyngsboro, Mass.; married 30 May, 1799, at Reading<sup>3</sup> REBECCA UPTON, born 13 Dec., 1768, at Lynnfield, Mass., died 18 Nov., 1832, at Tyngsboro, daughter of Abraham and Susanna (Upton) Upton.<sup>4</sup>

Nathaniel Holden was a blacksmith and farmer, and lived on the homestead formerly his father's. He was commissioned lieutenant in the militia.

Children, born at Tyngsboro:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 REBECCA; born 24 April, 1800; died 6 Feb., 1867, at Tyngsboro.

<sup>1</sup>Council records.

<sup>3</sup>Tyngsboro *Vital Records*.

<sup>2</sup>Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>4</sup>F. A. Holden *Ms.*, and papers of Austin Holden.

- 2-2 ELIAS UPTON, born 25 Dec., 1802; died 23 March, 1844; married SALLY WILLIAMS.
- 3-3 NATHANIEL, born 27 Dec., 1803; died 11 Jan., 1841; married REBECCA BRYANT.
- 4 MARY, born 15 Sept., 1805; died 4 Aug., 1881, at Tyngsboro; married 5 June, 1828 (intention at Andover), JOHN STEVENS WILSON, born 25 Sept., 1804, at Salem; died 16 Jan., 1844, at Tyngsboro, son of John and Mary (Punchard) Wilson.
- Children:
1. Rebecca Ann Wilson, born 4 June, 1838, at Philadelphia; married 11 Dec., 1873, MELVIN VINEN HORTON of Tyngsboro.
  2. Mary Josephine Wilson, born 8 March, 1840, at Philadelphia; married 5 Oct., 1892, JOHN PARHAM COBURN, and lived at Tyngsboro in the house built by Captain Nathaniel Holden, her great-grandfather.
  3. Charles Augustus Wilson, born 11 Sept., 1841, at Philadelphia; died 30 Dec., 1866, at Lawrence, Mass.
- 5 CHARLES, born 30 March, 1809; died 26 Nov., 1833, at Tyngsboro.
- 6 SARAH, born 10 Dec., 1810; died 9 Sept., 1813.

18657 JONATHAN (*Nathaniel, Jonathan, John, Richard*), born 27 March, 1778, at Dunstable;<sup>1</sup> died 27 Jan., 1860, at Tyngsboro; married 10 April, 1803, at Tyngsboro,<sup>2</sup> ELENOR WELD, a resident of Tyngsboro. She is described as Ellen in the marriage intention.

Children:

- 1 ELIZA ANN, "daughter of Jonathan," baptized 7 Aug., 1803, at Tyngsboro.
- 2 JOHN.<sup>2</sup>

18658 SILAS (*Nathaniel, Jonathan, John, Richard*), born 14 Dec., 1783, at Dunstable; died 4 May, 1866, at Tyngsboro; married 30 May, 1813, at Tyngsboro, POLLY COBURN, born 22 Aug., 1791, at Tyngsboro, died there 20 May, 1861, daughter of John and Polly (Bailey) Coburn.<sup>3</sup>

Children, born at Tyngsboro:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 A son, born and died 1 Aug., 1814.
- 2 JOHN, born 3 Sept., 1815; died 12 Jan., 1833.
- 3 MARY JANE, born 5 July, 1817; died 26 Jan., 1818.
- 4 MARY JANE, born 14 Jan., 1819; died 20 Oct., 1821.
- 5 SILAS, born 10 Dec., 1820; died 19 Jan., 1892;<sup>4</sup> married 30 Nov., 1847, at Nashville (Nashua), N. H.,<sup>5</sup> BETSEY BROWN, born 7 June, 1818, at Milford, N. H., died 22 June, 1892, daughter of Caleb and Betsey (Coburn) Brown. Mr. Holden was a carpenter, and he and his wife were well known in North Chelmsford, being "a handsome old couple" and much devoted to one another. Mr. Holden died of heart trouble, and his wife the day of the funeral. No children.

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* and Austin Holden papers.

<sup>4</sup> New Hampshire Vital Statistics. Silas and his wife were buried at Nashua.

<sup>5</sup> Vital Statistics



- 6 ELIZABETH, born 2 May, 1823; died 29 May, 1879, at Macon, Ga.; married 25 Dec., 1845, EARLSWORTH CROCKETT.

Children:

1. Leroy E. Crockett, born 4 May, 1848, at Lowell, Mass.; died 30 Dec., 1882.
2. Oscar Holden Crockett, born July, 1852, at Attapulgus, Ga.
3. Georgie E. Crockett, born 26 Aug., 1854, at Lawrence, Mass.
4. Charles Winthrop Crockett, born 6 Oct., 1862, at Macon; married 1 Dec., 1887, MINNIE M. HAYDOCK, of Troy, N. Y. He was one of the faculty of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, teaching mathematics and astronomy.

- 7 CLARISSA, born 25 June, 1825; died 30 Dec., 1891, at Windham, N. H.; married 3 Feb., 1847, at North Chelmsford, SAMUEL ALEXANDER, born 9 Oct., 1819, at Windham, died 10 March, 1897, son of David and Abbie (Smith) Alexander.

Child:

1. Nellie May Alexander, born 12 April, 1861; married 20 April, 1893, CHARLES O. PARKER of Windham.

- 8 MARY ANN, born 2 June, 1827; died 12 Nov., 1904, at Windham, N. H., unmarried, where she had lived for about forty years.

- 9 CHARLES WINTHROP, born 24 May, 1829; died 9 Nov., 1847.

- J-10 WILLIAM, born 10 June, 1833; died 20 Feb., 1853; married MARY E. SWAN.

- K-11 HENRY AUGUSTUS, born 11 May, 1835; died 18 Oct., 1900; married SARAH JANE MINTER.

19243 JOHN (*Caleb, John, Stephen, Richard*), born November, 1752, at Shirley; married ABIDAL.

Children:

- 1 ABIGAIL, "daughter of John and Abidal," born 4 Nov., 1778, at Charlemont.<sup>1</sup>
- 2 JOHN B., who was enumerated in the census of 1810 as of Sidney, Delaware County, N. Y., aged between twenty-six and forty-five, with wife of same age, a daughter aged between ten and sixteen and two sons under ten. Sidney is just south of Unadilla which is on the northern side of the Susquehanna River, just above the junction with the Unadilla.

John Holden was warned from Deerfield, 11 Dec., 1765 or 1766, the same month as his father Caleb, and then described as "last from Pepperill."

John Holden of Shelburne enlisted 10 May, 1777, in company commanded by Captain Lawrence Kemp, Colonel David Wells' Hampshire regiment. He served in the Northern Department, and was discharged 17 July. He reënlisted 22 September and served in the same department until 23 Oct., 1777. His service was credited to Deerfield.<sup>2</sup> According to a family tradition quoted by R. W. Holden,

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

John Holden was killed in the Revolution, but no record of his death is to be found. In 1788 John Holden of Unadilla, N. Y., sold land in that part of Florida township which had been granted to Bernards-ton, and in 1795 John Holden of Charlemont bought land on Florida Mountain.<sup>1</sup>

19245 CALEB (*Caleb, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 13 July, 1767, at Shelburne;<sup>2</sup> died 5 Oct., 1836,<sup>2</sup> probably at Luzerne, N. Y.; married 1791, ANNA LINDSEY, born 23 Aug., 1771, "daughter of a neighbor on the then frontier of civilization."<sup>2</sup>

Children; except two eldest, born at Luzerne:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 POLLY, born 10 May, 1793; died in Iowa; married ISAAC BARRASS,<sup>3</sup> and settled at Jamestown, N. Y.; (2) REV. DURFEE, a Baptist clergyman, and removed to Iowa.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1. Betsey Barrass, married WILLARD WHIPPLE.
2. Adin Barrass.
3. Rosetta Barrass.
4. Anna Barrass.
5. Infant Durfee, born in the fifty-first year of his mother's life, died soon.
- 2 SALLY, born 2 Oct., 1794; married 6 Oct., 1811, LYMAN SAGE, who was drowned while acting as a pilot on the river above Glens Falls, N. Y., 1836.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1. Polly Sage, born 17 Aug., 1812; married CYRUS BRUCE.
2. Caleb Sage, born 25 July, 1814; married ALMIRA HARTMAN.
3. Sally Sage, born 30 Oct., 1816; died Sept., 1836, unmarried.
4. Phebe Ann, born June, 1819; married March, 1838, DAVID KINGSLEY.
5. Clarissa Sage, born 1821; married March, 1838, THOMAS PUTNAM.
6. Orrin Sage, born 22 Oct., 1824; married AMANDA CRANNELL.
7. Nestor Sage, born Dec., 1826; married SUSAN GRAY.
8. Paulina Sage, born 1830; married JOHN TOOLEY.
9. Solomon Sage, born 1832; died 1847.
10. Sally Ann Sage, born 4 Jan., 1837; married HALSEY SMITH.
- 3 BETSEY, born 18 Aug., 1796; married REUEL NIMMS.
- 4 ANNA, born 7 Sept., 1798; died young.
- 5 SAMUEL L., born 15 July, 1800; died *s.p.*; married CLARA FARNSWORTH; (2), 3 April, 1837, ADALINE (KENNEDY) NICHOLS, widow of J. Nichols, by whom she had three children. In 1867 they were living at Walnut Fork, Jones County, Iowa.
- 6 ANNA, born 24 Feb., 1803, married JOHN CLOTHIER of Luzerne.
- 7 BILLY PITCHER, born 9 April, 1805; married HANNAH NIMS of Hadley.

<sup>1</sup> Information of a correspondent at North Adams, who examined deeds. Qy.: Is 1795 date of deed or of record? See John of Northfield.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, probably information of Mrs. Cynthia Call, 1867, Galesburgh, Jasper County, Iowa. See *Wentworth Genealogy*, 1:641, No. 1342.

<sup>3</sup> Barrass was often written for Barrows.

Child (he is reported to have had several children):<sup>1</sup>

1. Silas.<sup>1</sup>
- 8 EUNICE, born 10 Sept., 1807; married 9 Sept., 1838, THOMAS PLACE. Seven children.
- 9 CYNTHIA, born 15 Dec., 1809; died *s.p.*; married STEPHEN CALL of Corinth. In 1867 living at Galesburgh, Iowa.
- J-10 JAMES LINDSEY, born 25 Aug., 1812; died 12 June, 1846; married EUNICE NIMMS.
- 11 RUTH, born 2 April, 1815; married DAVID OGDEN; three children.
- 12 DANIEL L., born 13 Feb., 1828; married HARRIET PARKER of Bolton, N. Y.; (2) MARIA REYNOLDS. Two children by first and three children by second marriage.<sup>1</sup>

19246 ELIHU (*Caleb, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 1770; died 1843, "on Catamount Hill, aged 73 years,"<sup>2</sup> in Colrain; married ABIGAIL, who was living in 1829.

Children:

- 1 ALVARUS, died 19 Sept., 1853, at Colrain, aged 58.<sup>3</sup> Aged 54, 1850,<sup>4</sup> when he was described as "laborer," having in his family, Nancy (his wife), aged 56, and Rebecca, aged 17. His wife, NANCY, died 4 May, 1853, aged 60 years.<sup>3</sup>  
Child:  
  1. Rebecca, born 1833; died Dec., 1871, on Catamount Hill;<sup>2</sup> married — FRAZIER.
  2. (?) Rosetta E., aged between 15 and 20 in 1855,<sup>4</sup> when she was member of family of Elvira Call of Colrain. Rosetta Holden of Heath married SPENCER ESTES of Colrain, 9 Dec., 1855, at Stamford, Vt. See below, note numbered 5.
- 2 DOLLY, born 11 Jan., 1800, at Colrain; died 21 Dec., 1875;<sup>2</sup> married (intention 1 Jan., 1830) ABRAM FARNSWORTH of Colrain.  
Child:  
  1. Roxy Farnsworth, living 1901; married ORREN B. DAVENPORT of Buckland or Hawley.<sup>2</sup>
- 3-3 ELIHU,<sup>5</sup> born 1806;<sup>4</sup> died 14 Dec., 1869; married OLIVE STURTIVANT; (2) PATIENCE; (3) JUDITH ELMORE.
- 4 JOHN, minor in 1829; married MARY ANN, whose estate was administered upon 17 June, 1836. Inventory of estate of John Holden of Colrain 30 July, 1836, disclosed ownership of twenty acres of land. No children mentioned. In 1832 he mortgaged land to his brother Elihu.
- 5 ROXANNA, minor in 1829. Roxanna Holden and Charles S. Carpenter, both of Colrain, Mass., were married 8 Aug., 1837, at Athens, Vt.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> Letter to W. H. Holden from Mrs. Roxy F. Davenport, 1901. See page 165.

<sup>3</sup> Town records. The records of Colrain from about the close of the Revolution to 1820 were destroyed by fire.

<sup>4</sup> Census.

<sup>5</sup> There was a Jacob Elihu Holden living in Colrain, who died 1 May, 1863, intestate. Apparently he was born in 1824 and had wife Rosetta in 1849. Query if he was not son of Alvarus. His widow was wife of Joel Bass of Mariposa, Cal., in June, 1870. Her son Frederick Henry Holden, born 6 April, 1849, at Colrain, died 19 April, 1865, unmarried. (See Berkshire Probate.) In the census of 1850 Frederick is the only child named of Jacob E. and Rosetta, the last being aged 21.

Elihu Holden of Buckland received 4 Oct., 1795, from Edward Giles a conveyance of the interest which Caleb Holden had in the lands granted his father, John Holden.<sup>1</sup> The preceding May, Elihu brought suit against Caleb Holden, Jr., of Shelburne. No declaration is found, and the suit was discontinued. In 1807, described as of Colrain, he bought land there from Martin Severance, Jr.<sup>2</sup> On 30 May, 1829, he granted to his son Elihu the home farm, fifty acres in Colrain, and twenty-five acres in Buckland, in consideration of support of self and wife for life, and that his daughter Dolly should have a home there until married, and that the younger children, John and Roxanna, should be supported, in return for their services, until of age or married.<sup>3</sup>

Elihu was the only Holden named in the Direct Tax of 1798, in that district in which Buckland, Greenfield, and vicinity were included. The family lived on Catamount Hill, and owned the farm in 1858. Burials were in the Farley Cemetery. In 1838, Merrick Sawyer, husband of Esther Holden, daughter of James Holden, (19248), visited his wife's uncle Elihu Holden.<sup>4</sup>

19248 JAMES (*Caleb, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 22 Sept., 1777, at Shelburne;<sup>5</sup> died 6 Oct.<sup>5</sup> (3 Oct.<sup>6</sup>), 1863, at North Augusta, Ont., "aged 86 years, 11 days";<sup>6</sup> married 14 Jan., 1805, ESTHER CALL, born 29 Jan., 1789, at Colrain, died 7 May, 1813, at North Augusta, daughter of Elder Stephen Call, an itinerant Baptist preacher who is thought to have lived at or near Ballston Spa, N. Y.

He married, second, 26 June, 1814, MRS. CYNTHIA TROOP, who died 3 April, 1875 (1876),<sup>7</sup> aged 83 years (*g.s.* at Augusta), daughter of David Whitney. She is recalled by Mrs. Angelia (Holden) Best, as a very slender woman, and her husband as a very large, stout man. She had a son Seaman Troop.

James Holden was a farmer. After leaving Massachusetts, he lived for a time in Ontario County, N. Y., but was early established near Prescott, Canada, living three or four miles north of the town on the road to Merrickville, and later, perhaps always, within the limits of Augusta. All his children are said to have been born at North Augusta. It is said that his first settlement in Canada was in 1799 as a school teacher, and that he was later engaged in lumbering and making potash, but that he eventually turned his attention to farming. His house was widely known as a stopping place for Methodist clergymen and missionaries.

<sup>1</sup> Berkshire Deeds, 5:505.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 26:44.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, 73:120; 78:2.

<sup>4</sup> Family record of Mrs. W. H. Holden.

<sup>5</sup> The record of this family is from a Family Register in possession of W. R. Gregg of Toronto, and from additional information furnished by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Holden of Detroit.

<sup>6</sup> Gravestone. An obituary written by his pastor gives 2 October as date of his death.

<sup>7</sup> Diary of Mrs. Gregg, who called her "father's good step-mother."



All of this family are remembered as upright, influential, energetic, business men.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 JOHN, born 3 Oct., 1805; died March,<sup>2</sup> 1863, at Prescott; married 2 Sept., 1827, CYNTHIA FLINT; (2) LOIS FLINT, who was married in 1866 at Prescott to S. B. MERRILL. "One of our oldest, most respected, influential and wealthy inhabitants."<sup>3</sup> No children.
- 2-2 ERASTUS, born 13 April, 1807; died Nov., 1876; married MARGARET HALL.
- 3-3 RUFUS, born 16 Jan., 1809; died 30 March, 1876; married ELIZABETH CLEMENT; (2) MRS. BLACKLOCK.
- 4-4 HIRAM, born 16 Aug., 1810; died 30 Aug., 1888; married LETITIA BUCK; (2) MARIA HOWARD.
- 5 ESTHER, born 3 Aug., 1812; died 8 Feb., 1840, at Kemptville, Ont.; married 19 April, 1834, at Belleville, Ont., MERRICK SAWYER, born 2 Feb., 1808, at Heath, Mass., died 21 May, 1900, at Belleville, son of Oliver and Polly (Wilder) Sawyer. He married (2) in 1842, at Belleville, ALMIRA LYON. In 1838 Mr. Sawyer visited his old home in Massachusetts, and found Elihu Holden living at Colrain. The Holdens lived on one side of the mountain called Catamount Hill, the Sawyers on the other. Mr. Sawyer was a teacher and later a druggist. The school started by him for boys at Cobourg, Ont., became Victoria College, a Methodist institution, with Mr. Sawyer filling the position of bursar, in which he was aided by his wife. This foundation is now Victoria University of Toronto. Giving up his school connection Mr. Sawyer tried farming in Kemptville. In 1840 he removed to Belleville and became associated with Doctor Rufus Holden.

Children<sup>4</sup> born at Cobourg:

1. Mary Esther Sawyer, born 1 Aug., 1836; died 5 May, 1889; married JOHN H. HOLDEN (No. 19249-13) *q.v.*
2. James Holden Sawyer, born 11 Nov., 1838, at Kemptville; died 4 May, 1881. He was a physician. He compiled a pedigree of this branch of the family, which is in possession of Mrs. W. H. Holden of Detroit.

By second marriage:

- 6-6 DAVID, born 1 April, 1815; died 10 Dec., 1908; married JANE McFADDEN; (2) MRS. — (HAMMOND) WALKER; (3) MRS. BROWN; (4) MRS. ADAMS.
- 7 JAMES, born 7 Dec., 1816; died 20 May, 1852;<sup>5</sup> married 30 March, 1836, CHLOE WOOD who remarried. In 1850 he was living at or near Augusta in poor health.<sup>6</sup>

Children:

1. Harriet, in 1920 a widow, residing in California.

<sup>1</sup>The record of this family is from a Family Register in possession of W. R. Gregg of Toronto, and from addition information furnished by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Holden of Detroit.

<sup>2</sup>Date of death is variously given as 22, 26, and 27 March, the last on his gravestone.

<sup>3</sup>Prescott *Telegraph*, March, 1863, which printed a brief obituary.

<sup>4</sup>Information of Mrs. W. H. Holden.

<sup>5</sup>Information of Mrs. W. H. Holden, Mrs. E. Wylie Kerr (who has several children) of Westmount, Que., and Mrs. Angelia H. Best (1922).

<sup>6</sup>Diary of Mrs. Gregg.

2. Rufus.
3. John.
- 8 MARY, born 3 June, 1819; died Aug., 1865; married 21 April, 1843 ERASTUS COUCH. Lived in Clayton, N. Y.<sup>1</sup>  
Children:<sup>1</sup>
  1. Mary Couch, married GEORGE WILLIAMS of Ottawa, Canada.
  2. Libbie Couch, married GEORGE FOX.
  3. Cynthia Couch, married ANTHONY MOXON of Brockville, Ont.
- 9 EMMA (AMY), born 29 Sept., 1821; married ——— McMULLEN. They lived at North Gore, Ont.
- 10 SOPHRONIA, born 29 Aug., 1823; died 1909; married ALEXANDER CRAIG of North Gower; an adopted son of Charles Holden, who established him in charge of a store in North Gower; (2) 5 Oct., 1865, COLONEL DAVID WYLIE of Brockville, born 23 March, 1811, died 21 Dec., 1891.<sup>1</sup> He was a well known Canadian journalist, editor of the *Brockville Recorder*.  
She was living in Brockville later than 1900.  
Children:<sup>1</sup>
  1. Craig, a son, died in infancy.
  2. William David Holden Wylie, born 1 Sept., 1866; died ———; married. In 1887-8 he was studying at School of Pharmacy in Toronto. His son David served in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, as a machine gunner and in the air service.
  3. Mary Esther Wylie, born 28 Jan., 1869; married DAVID ROSS KERR of the Bank of Montreal. Their son David was a lieutenant in the British Naval Air Service and was killed 11 Nov., 1917, aged 21 years, 6 months.
- 11 ELIZA, born 14 July, 1826; married MATTHEW ROBINSON, born 12 March, 1821. Lived on a farm between that of her father and the town of Prescott.  
Children:<sup>1</sup>
  1. Sophronia Robinson, born 3 Feb., 1847; married 20 Oct., 1869, RICHARD ROBINSON of Ontario; (2) 12 Dec., 1894, WILLIAM IRVINE.
  2. Mary Cynthia Robinson, born 14 June, 1849; died 10 July, 1852.
  3. Eliza Robinson, born 25 July, 1851; married 11 Nov., 1874, JAMES IRVIN of Prescott; (2) 2 Sept., 1896, ELLIS LANE.
  4. Alexander Craig Robinson, born 6 Dec., 1853; married 20 Oct., 1875, EDITH DULMAGE. He lives on his grandfather Holden's farm.
  5. Cynthia Mary (Minnie) Robinson, born 15 Oct., 1855; married 20 Oct., 1875, GEORGE MALLORY WHITNEY of Merrickville.
  6. John Holden Robinson, born 30 Aug., 1859; died 19 Dec., 1862.
  7. Lois J. Robinson, born 12 May, 1862.
  8. Lulu B. Robinson, born 14 July, 1866; married 12 Sept., 1888, T. ORVIL DATES of Lake Megantic.
- 12 CYNTHIA, born 2 Sept., 1830; died 18 May, 1835.

<sup>1</sup>Information 1922 of Mrs. W. H. Holden, Mrs. E. Wylie Kerr (who has several children) of Westmount, Que., and Mrs. Angelia H. Best.

- 13 LOIS, born 12 Jan.<sup>1</sup> (June<sup>2</sup>), 1834; married GEORGE JOHNSTON of Merrickville. Living in Prescott in 1919. Her sister Eliza lived with her in later years.<sup>1</sup>

19249 JONATHAN (*Caleb, John, Stephen, Richard*), born at Shelburne, Mass., about 1780; died at Merrickville, Ont.; married 18 Jan., 1803, at Charlemont,<sup>3</sup> SALLY OWEN<sup>3</sup> of Colrain, daughter of Elisha and Lucretia (Hayden) Owen.<sup>4</sup>

Neither Jonathan Holden nor his wife were living in 1840.<sup>5</sup>

Children:

- 1 CHARLES,<sup>4</sup> born 11 Dec., 1807, at Balston Spa (or Galway), N. Y.; died 25 March, 1873; married TAMER S. WELTON.
- 2? JAMES. "There is a widowed daughter of James Holden, Mrs. Lorinda Woodrow, living at Hermon, N. Y., 1923, in her eightieth year."<sup>6</sup>
- 3 Eliza,<sup>4</sup> married and was living in Oil City about 1847.<sup>5</sup>
- 4 Esther M. (perhaps identical with Eliza), married 29 July, 1824,<sup>6</sup> John Rolph.

Children,<sup>6</sup> (besides two died in infancy):

- 1. Laura S. Rolph, died 11 March, 1900; married Jonathan Jenkins, died 1858; (2) James Robinson, died 1869. Her son James E. Robinson lives in Hermon, N. Y.
- 2. Louise Rolph, married 19 Oct., 1855, William D. Cleveland, born 3 July, 1829, son of Smith and Hannah (Campbell) Cleveland.<sup>7</sup>
- 3. Stephen Rolph, married Lucy Carpenter. His daughter, Mrs. Bertha Stowell of Gouverneur, knew that her grandmother had a brother James, and that Solomon Holden kept a hotel at Saratoga Springs.
- 4. Susan Rolph, married — Davis.
- 5. ? Ainsworth Rolph, of Carthage, N. Y.
- 6. Martha Ann Rolph, of Gouverneur in Feb., 1923, aged nearly 83; married — Fuller.
- 7. Lydia Rolph, of Gouverneur in 1923, aged 79; married — Rickerson.

Jonathan Holden of Hadley, Saratoga County, N. Y., was in 1810 head of a family of a male between twenty-six and forty-five (himself), a female of same age, and of two males and a female all under ten years.

Hadley is at the junction of the Sacandaga River and the Hudson, and Edinburg some miles up the valley of the Sacandaga. Luzerne is opposite Hadley. Family tradition asserts that he at one time was of Edinburg.

<sup>1</sup> Information 1922 of Mrs. W. H. Holden, Mrs. E. Wylie Kerr (who has several children) of Westmount, Que., and Mrs. Angelia H. Best.

<sup>2</sup> Family register, quoted by W. R. Gregg.

<sup>3</sup> Town records. See *N. E. Hist. Genealogical Register*, 52:340, where Jonathan Holden's name was read Robbins by copyist, and date of marriage given 12 Jan.

<sup>4</sup> *Hayden Genealogy*.

<sup>5</sup> Information of Mrs. Angelica (Holden) Best, who recalls her aunt, but never saw or heard of grandparents or an uncle.

<sup>6</sup> Letter of Mrs. Belle Van Norman, Gouverneur, N. Y., daughter of Laura S. (Rolph) Jenkins, who has the Rolph Bible. Mrs. Stowell gave also the names Jennie and Mary as of the seven children who survived.

<sup>7</sup> *Cleveland Genealogy*, p. 2237.

1924J SOLOMON (*Caleb, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 30 Aug., 1785<sup>1</sup> (1786<sup>2</sup>), at or near Deerfield; died 11 (7) March, 1868, at North Gower, Ont.; married AMY BEAMAN, born 3 June, 1789, died 17 Dec., 1826.<sup>1</sup>

He married, second, 12 July, 1827, AMANDA M. ALLEN,<sup>3</sup> born 24 July, 1807, died 3 Aug., 1888, at North Gower.<sup>1</sup>

Children,<sup>1</sup> born at North Augusta:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 ELLAS, born 26 Dec., 1808. Lived at Caliboga, Renfrew County. He had at least two sons and one daughter.
- 2 - 2 JAMES, born 3 Dec., 1809; died 1874; married CLARA ———.
- 3 HORACE, born 10 (18) Aug., 1811. He lived at Fingal, Ont., in 1881.  
Children:
  1. Clara, owned the homestead in Fingal, unmarried.
  2. Lydia, married.
  3. A son.
  4. A son.
  5. Sarah.
  6. Hattie.
- 4 AMY, born 2 May, 1815; married 7 Aug., 1839, at Augusta, MARK WRIGHT, born 28 Nov., 1802, died 7 Nov., 1881, in Essex County. By former wife, MARY ANN McNICHE, he had John, Sarah Ann, Joseph of Sandy Creek, N. Y., and Mark Wright who went South.  
Children:
  1. Horace Wright, born 10 Jan., 1843; died 22 Dec., 1864.
  2. Cynthia Ann Wright, born 1 Aug., 1846; died 9 Jan., 1888; married 11 July, 1870, ANDY H. TRIMBLE; removed to western Canada. Several of his eight sons live near Red Deer, Alta.
  3. Albert Wright, born 9 Aug., 1840; of Pembroke, Ont., 1922; married Jane Ford.
  4. Edgar Wright, born 4 Oct., 1848; of Pembroke, 1922; married 14 March, 1871, Lucy Boyce; (2) Jane Clark.
  5. Solomon H. Wright, born 14 Nov., 1844; died 8 April, 1845.
- 5 PHOEBE, born 30 April, 1817; died Jan., 1905,<sup>1</sup> at Merrickville, unm.
- 6 MARY ANN, born 5 May, 1819; married 20 Jan., 1851, JOHN WRIGHT, son of Mark and Mary (McNiche) Wright. Children:
  1. William Henry Wright, born 25 Oct., 1851; died 1906 at Brockton, Mass.; married 1881, Mary Ann Hodson.
  2. John Frederick Wright, born 14 Aug., 1855; married Aug., 1890, Mary Agnes Upper; of Midale, Sask., J. P.
- 7 CYNTHIA, born 5 (3) Feb., 1821 (Dec., 1820); died 8 March, 1899; married 9 Feb., 1855, at North Gower, DAVID BARROWS (BARRAS) of North Gower, an iron-founder, who died about 1882, and who had children by a former wife.

<sup>1</sup> Family Bible of Solomon Holden, now in possession of Bryon W. Holden, Yarkers, Ont.

<sup>2</sup> Information of Mr. Edgar Wright, who also furnished names of children of Solomon, and dates of birth of those by the first marriage, some slightly differing from the record in Bible.

<sup>3</sup> Her grandson Charles A. Blanchard believes she was of the Ethan Allen family.

<sup>4</sup> Information concerning this family was obtained through Mrs. W. H. Holden of Detroit, from members of the family. The cemetery in which the older members of the family are buried is overgrown with rose bushes. It was given to the town by the uncle of J. E. Craig, present Town Clerk of North Gower, who owned 100 acres on part of which the village now stands.



## Children:

1. Amy Alice Barrows, married 10 March, 1883, BENJAMIN EASTMAN, died 10 May, 1913. She removed to Ottawa. Her son Harold B. Eastman, born 3 Oct., 1886, died 13 Aug., 1920 at Regina, was a graduate of Queen's University.
2. Anna Safford Barrows,<sup>1</sup> born 13 Dec., 1859, married 23 Oct., 1877, at Lisbon, N.Y., WILLIAM HICKS. In 1923 they were farming at Lander, Man.
- 8 LYDIA, born 17 June, 1823 (May, 1824); died ———; married JAMES CARPENTER; (2) GEORGE COLEMAN of Potsdam, N. Y. Mrs. Herbert Dunbar of Potsdam is a daughter. An only child, a son, by first marriage died early.
- 9 SOLOMON B., born 24 Nov., 1826; died unmarried. According to one correspondent he left home during the Civil War and was never after heard from, but Mr. Edgar Wright recalls a visit by him after the war. It is said he was a medical student, last heard of caring for yellow fever patients in Louisiana.

## By second marriage:

- J-10 CHARLES WILTON, born 17 June, 1828; died 18 April, 1906; married RUTH BLANCHARD.
- 11 ESTHER A., born 13 Aug., 1830; died 1 Oct., 1854,<sup>2</sup> at Greenbush, Ont.; married 19 Jan., 1851,<sup>2</sup> DANIEL BLANCHARD. Lived at Greenbush. Child:
    1. Charles Aaron Blanchard, born 17 Sept., 1853; married IDA M. They live in Elizabeth, Colo. Mr. Blanchard has a daguerrotype of his grandfather Holden. His son Warren W. Blanchard, born 16 Sept., 1886, has eight children.
  - 12 LOIS, born 15 March, 1832; died 13 Jan., 1866; married (15 Feb.<sup>2</sup>), 6 Feb., 1855, CYRUS EASTMAN.
 Children:
    1. Margaret Amanda Eastman, born 12 Dec., 1855; died 29 Dec., 1874.
    2. Lois Armina Eastman, born 27 June, 1857; married 24 Dec., 1890, WILLIAM FRANCIS GIBSON. Lives in Kemptville, Ont.
    3. Esther Angelia Eastman, born 22 Dec., 1858; married 15 Feb., 1883, DAVID WARDROPE WALLACE, a physician of Ottawa, Canada. Her three sons, William G., Charles K., Stuart A. Wallace, are physicians. She lives in Ottawa.
  - 13 LAVINA, born 7 Jan., 1834; died 2 July, 1904, unmarried.
  - 14 MELLISSA, born 25 Aug., 1836; died 19 Oct., 1893; married 1 March, 1857, JAMES BLANCHARD, a brother of Daniel Blanchard above. They had one or two daughters.
  - 15 LENORA, born 17 June, 1839; died 5 Jan., 1899,<sup>2</sup> a widow, at Kemptville; married 19 March, 1862, ANDREW CALLANDER of North Gower.
 Children:
    1. Charles Alexander Callander, born 8 Feb., 1863; died 16 April, 1884, at Riverside, Calif.

<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Hicks supplied information utilized above.<sup>2</sup> Family Bible of Solomon Holden.

2. Margaret Amanda Callander, born 26 May, 1869, at North Gower; married 9 Jan., 1901, at Kemptville, DAVID WALLACE DOWNEY, and lives at Bowmanville, Ont.
- 16 LESTER ELIJAH, born 12 April, 1843; died 1904; married 26 March, 1868, HANNAH BEAMAN. At one time lived in Saginaw, Mich., whence he removed to place unknown. "He had two sons. All are dead."

Solomon Holden is said to have walked from Massachusetts when he was only fifteen years of age, to Prescott, Ont., where his brother James was living, who aided him in finding employment.

Solomon Holden "brother to James, came to Canada at a very early date, and remained some time in the United Counties; finally settled at North Gower. His son Charles lived in Greenbush" (History of Leeds and Grenville, Ontario). Mrs. Best asserts he lived always on his farm at North Augusta, four miles from Bellamy. The Town Clerk of North Gower states that he lived in North Gower, and that his house was purchased for a rectory by the Anglican church. The testimony of all is that the family was respected. They were Methodists. Solomon Holden was a "jovial and kindly man," and well remembered prior to 1858 by Mrs. Best. The death and birth dates where given are from gravestones at North Gower.

19251 AMOS (*Amos, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 21 Sept., 1752, at Groton; died 16 April, 1806, at Mason, N. H.; married 20 Oct., 1778, at Mason, LYDIA SLOAN.<sup>2</sup>

In 1790 he was enumerated at Mason, head of a family consisting of self and six females.

Children,<sup>2</sup> born at Mason:

- 1 PATTY, born 8 June, 1779; died 12 Jan., 1814.
- 2 DAVID SLOAN, born 19 Aug., 1780; died 4 May, 1784.
- 3 LYDIA, born 9 July, 1782; married 29 May, 1808, at Hubbardston, Mass., NATHANIEL GATES of Barre.<sup>2</sup>
- 4 PRUDENCE, born 12 Nov., 1784.
- 5 ESTHER, born 1 Oct., 1787; died 24 April, 1809.
- 6 MILLY, born 7 Sept., 1789; died 16 Jan., 1810.
- 7 AMOS, born 12 Aug., 1781; married 19 Nov., 1817, at Mason, HANNAH BARRETT. Administration on his estate granted at request of widow HANNAH, 15 March, 1823, to Jonathan Batchelder, Jr. He had a small estate in Mason, but was insolvent.<sup>3</sup>
- 8-8 AARON, born 28 June, 1793; William Goldsmith was appointed his guardian<sup>3</sup> 1 April, 1812; married REBECCA MERRIAM.
- 9-9 ABNER, born 19 April, 1795; married EUNICE BARRETT; (2) RACHEL BOYNTON.

<sup>1</sup> Information of Mrs. A. M. Dunbar, who stated that there were seventeen children in all.

<sup>2</sup> Town records. See *History of Shirley*, p. 457.

<sup>3</sup> Hillsboro County Probate.

Amos Holden responded to the Alarm of 19 April, 1775, as a member of the company commanded by Captain Henry Haskell, Colonel Prescott's regiment. He enlisted 26 April, 1775, at Cambridge, in Captain Robert Longley's company, Colonel Whitcomb's regiment. He reenlisted in the same company for one year, and perhaps later served in company commanded by Captain R. Dodge. He volunteered for service in Rhode Island, and served from 1 May, 1777, to 9 July, 1777, part of the time at Warwick Neck.

About the time of his marriage he removed to Mason, N. H.; when after two years he returned to Shirley he and his family were "warned," 4 Oct., 1780. He returned to Mason. The United States Census of 1870 enumerates at Mason, the "widow Holden" over forty-five years, having in her family one white male between ten and sixteen and one between sixteen and twenty-six, also one female between twenty-six and forty-five. In 1856, his heirs held a land bounty warrant for one hundred and sixty acres.

1254 ABEL (*Amos, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 26 (27) Sept., 1758, at Shirley; died there 1797, buried 4 April;<sup>1</sup> married EMMA BLOOD of Groton.<sup>2</sup> He married, second, ELIZABETH HENRY of Lunenburg.<sup>2</sup>

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1 - 1 ABEL, born 14 Feb., 1785, at Shirley;<sup>3</sup> married MARY WORCESTER.

2 BETSEY, born 1791; died 15 May, 1817, unmarried.

3 - 3 JONAS,<sup>4</sup> baptized 1795;<sup>5</sup> married NANCY KIMBALL.

4 WILLIAM WARREN, baptized 27 Aug., 1797;<sup>5</sup> was living in Maine in 1877.<sup>2</sup>

Abel Holden responded to the Alarm of 19 April, 1775, as a member of the company commanded by Captain Robert Longley, Whitcomb's regiment. He enlisted 9 May, 1775, was at Prospect Hill in September, and probably served until 1 Jan., 1776. He again enlisted 14 June, 1777, for eight months, for the town of Amherst, and served in Captain Sylvanus Smith's company, Bigelow's regiment, and was at Valley Forge. He again enlisted 19 Oct., 1779, and served until 23 Nov., 1779, in a company commanded by Captain John Porter, Denny's regiment. He again enlisted 1 Jan., 1781, for three years, from Shirley, and is described as twenty-two years of age, five feet, eight inches in height, of light complexion, with light hair and eyes, a farmer.<sup>6</sup> He is said to have been a prisoner in Canada from 11 Nov., 1778.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> James Parker's diary.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, where occurs statement by Abel Holden (19254-1), that his uncle William (19254-4) "settled in Maine."

<sup>3</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> Miss Lydia Maria Holden (19254-125) stated that her father visited his uncle, Jonas Holden at Fitchburg.

<sup>5</sup> Bolton record.

<sup>6</sup> See the pension papers of his brother, John Holden, also Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>7</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

Under date of 5 March, 1781, James Parker of Shirley noted in his diary: "I went to Sawtell's and Inlisted Abner Holden, and sold him my watch." Four days later he noted, "Sold Abel Holden my boots." Doubtless his enlistment was dated back to January.

After the war he settled temporarily in Hancock, N. H., and bought two acres there, 30 March, 1784, described as bounding on his land. He sold this lot 30 March, 1791, being then described as of Lunenburg, Mass.<sup>1</sup> In 1790 he was enumerated at Lunenburg, as head of a family consisting of self, wife and one male under sixteen years. That year also, as of Lunenburg, he purchased of his brother Amos, the latter's share in their mother's estate.<sup>2</sup>

19256 JOHN (*Amos, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 21 May, 1764<sup>3</sup> (1765),<sup>4</sup> at Shirley; died 1847 "aged 82,"<sup>5</sup> at Franklin, Vt.;<sup>6</sup> married 15 April, 1791, at Shirley, SARAH SANDERSON, born 16 May, 1768, died 28 Oct., 1793, at Shirley.<sup>3</sup> He married, second, 16 Aug., 1794, PATIENCE SANDERSON, born 22 Aug., 1772, sister of his first wife, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Child) Sanderson.<sup>7</sup> He married, third, SARAH BOYNTON.<sup>3</sup>

Children:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 - 1 JOHN, born 13 March, baptized Nov., 1795;<sup>8</sup> died 29 April, 1857; married RHODA GAGE.
- 2 - 2 ARTEMAS K., born 24 Dec., 1796,<sup>9</sup> (baptized Nov., 1795<sup>8</sup>); married ABIGAIL GAGE.
- 3 TELLEDA (ZELLINDA), "of John and Patience," baptized Nov., 1795, at Shirley.<sup>8</sup>
- 4 SALLY SANDERSON, baptized Nov., 1796.<sup>8</sup>
- 5 ABEL.
- 6 JOEL, died aged four and one-half years.
- 7 PRUDENCE; married at Ashby, CHARLES CUTLER, born 3 Feb., 1795, son of Thomas and Alice (Niles) Cutler.<sup>10</sup> Living at Ashby in 1883. Two children.

John Holden was the original of "The Little Fifer," a story which was first printed in *Wide Awake* in 1890, and has been reprinted since in several publications. In his pension application he states he lived in Shirley for about twenty years after the Revolution. In 1789 he leased his father's farm for three years. In 1790 he became involved in a lawsuit with Joseph Moors, which he eventually won. In the census of 1790 he was enumerated as a member of his father's family. In 1792 he purchased of Moses and Lydia Sanderson their interest in his mother's estate of forty-six acres in Shirley.<sup>11</sup> He was a cooper.

His service record is as follows: From May or June, 1776, for one

<sup>1</sup> Hillsboro Deeds, 28:7; 30:115.

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 103:275.

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> Shirley Vital Records.

<sup>5</sup> Statement of Joel M. Holden, 1858.

<sup>6</sup> Chandler: *History of Shirley*.

<sup>7</sup> The marriages and family connection of the first and second wife supplied by John E. L. Hazen, who obtained the facts from Lunenburg records.

<sup>8</sup> Mrs. Bolton's record. <sup>9</sup> Own statement. <sup>10</sup> *History of Lexington*, pp. 48-53. <sup>11</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 110:9.



year, in company commanded by Captain Derby, in the campaign about New York, as a fifer. From January to December, 1778, he served in Captain Smith's company, Jacobs' regiment, and appears on the payroll of that company for November, 1778, as fifer. He enlisted 18 August, and was discharged 30 Nov., 1781, having served three months as fifer in the company commanded by Captain Bowker in Colonel Webb's Continental regiment.

Abstracts of the papers in the pension case of John Holden follow:

17 Sept., 1833, appeared John Holden of Franklin, Vt., aged sixty-nine years. He entered the service at Shirley, Mass., his native place, May or June, 1776. He enlisted for one year as fifer and marched from Shirley to Cambridge and served in a company commanded by Captain Derby, Lieutenant John Williams and Ensign Jenkins in a regiment commanded by Colonel Prescott and Major Sampson Wood; stationed at Cambridge a short time, when the regiment was ordered to New London and from thence by water to the city of New York, and was there stationed until the last of August or first of September, according to the best of his recollection. Knows it was a few days after the battle of Long Island when the regiment to which he belonged was ordered to a place called North Castle, where they lay till after the battle at White Plains, from thence to West Point where he remained till June and was then dismissed, having served one full year.

He enlisted at Shirley in the month of January, 1778, as a fifer for one year under Captain John Smith; marched from Shirley to Boston about the first of February, and was stationed at Castle William and Boston till spring. Marched from thence to Rhode Island where he was attached to Colonel Jacobs' regiment, stationed a short time at Greenwich, and from thence to Butts Hill Fort, where he was stationed most of the time while he remained on the island. Was a few days on what was called "the lines" near Newport. Shortly after he went onto the island, the troops experienced a most violent storm of wind and rain, which blew down their tents and wet their provisions and distressed the army very much. Soon after the French fleet left the harbor Colonel Jacobs' regiment moved toward Newport and entrenched themselves in the night. The next morning they were attacked by the enemy and drove toward the north part of the island, where they were reënforced and the enemy driven back. A retreat was soon ordered. The Americans left the island the night following, about the first of September and retreated back to Greenwich and he was there stationed until the last of November or first of December, when he was discharged on account of ill health and returned home, having served a few days over eleven months.

Again in the year 1781, in July, he enlisted as fifer for three months under Captain Bowker in Colonel Webb's regiment.

Soon after he enlisted, he marched to Rhode Island and joined said regiment at Newport and served as a fifer until his three months expired; but at the solicitation of Captain Bowker he stayed a short time, until the recruits came in (he believes he stayed fifteen or twenty days and was then dismissed).

He was born in Shirley in 1764. He remained in Shirley about twenty years after the close of the Revolutionary War, when he moved to Franklin, Vt., where he now resides.

James Parker in his diary under date of 17 Feb., 1799, notes that "John Holden and his family run off last night," and 19 March, following, that he bought of Captain T. Whitney John Holden's house and land. He had been to see Holden several times recently and doubtless the matter was prearranged, perhaps to enable Holden to escape creditors, who might have imprisoned him for debt.

18 Mch., 1818, David Sloane of Sheldon, Vt., aged seventy-eight years, deposed: At the commencement of the Revolutionary War, was a resident of Townsend, Mass., and was acquainted with John Holden, of Shirley. In the month of May, 1776, said Holden and two of his brothers enlisted for one year under Captain Derby as a fifer, and marched to Cambridge, Mass. I have a distinct recollection of his going into the service, at the time aforesaid, on account of his age, which was about twelve years. Much was said about his going, but being a good fifer and acquainted with many of the company, and two older brothers with him, and having the consent of his father, who enlisted him, he left home in high spirits, and I have always understood from him that he was well pleased with the army.

One circumstance I have often heard him mention; that when the action began on Rhode Island he stood near the entrenchment, and a cannon shot struck into a bank of sand and gravel and knocked him down and nearly covered him up. He also said that the regiment to which he belonged suffered more than the others that were engaged in the action.

Sallie Bird of Franklin, Vt., aged sixty-eight years; that in the fore part of the Revolutionary War, "I lived in the family with John Holden in the town of Shirley. Said Holden enlisted as a fifer and went to Cambridge near Boston, where he stayed a short time. Soon after he left home news came that the troops were ordered to New York, and were to leave Boston in a few days. The mother of said Holden, with whom I then lived, was extremely anxious to have his father go and see if he could not get him, the said John, released. His father went to Boston and saw his sons (there being two older brothers with the said John) and when he returned he said the troops were to leave in a short time, and according to my best recollection, they did not return until spring or fore part of summer. Again in the year when so many men were raised in Massachusetts,

to go to Rhode Island, he again enlisted under one Captain Smith and left home a short time after his enlistment. I was then living at his father's house and well recollect of preparing and getting his clothes in readiness for him to march. I was informed he was gone about nine or ten months and when he returned he was dressed in uniform, a red coat faced with blue. Again in the year in which Lord Cornwallis was taken, the said John enlisted and went to Rhode Island."

1925K THOMAS (*Amos, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 30 April, 1778, at Shirley; died 1847, at Boston, aged 69;<sup>1</sup> married 4 Aug., 1801, at Boston, NANCY BRYANT, born 24 Feb., 1770, at Marshfield, died in 1802, at Needham West Parish, aged 27 years,<sup>2</sup> daughter of Seth and Sarah Bryant.<sup>3</sup> He married, second, 13 March, 1803, at Boston, SOPHIA BRYANT, died in 1812, at Boston.<sup>3</sup> He married, third, HANNAH BALDWIN, born 17 April, 1784, died 1827.<sup>4</sup> He married, fourth, MARY JEWETT, who was living in 8156.<sup>4</sup>

Thomas Holden removed to Boston about 1798.<sup>4</sup>

Children:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 Child, born and died, 1802.

By second marriage:

- 2 GEORGE, died unmarried, between the ages of twenty and thirty years. He went to South America.<sup>5</sup>
- 3 THOMAS,<sup>6</sup> died "unmarried," between the ages of twenty and thirty years.
- 4 OSCAR, died unmarried between the ages of twenty and thirty years.
- 5 NANCY, born 20 Oct., 1812; living 1876; married 15 March, 1832,<sup>6</sup> GEORGE SHATTUCK KINSMAN, born 5 Aug., 1809, at Bedford, Mass., died 10 Feb., 1843, son of Timothy and Lucy Stearns (Abbott) Kinsman.

Children, all died in infancy:

1. Georgiana Kinsman.
2. George Granville Kinsman.
3. Thomas Kinsman.
4. Hanney Kinsman.

By third marriage:

- 6 CHILD, died in infancy.
- 7 HENRY AUGUSTUS,<sup>5</sup> born 5 May, 1817; died 12 March, 1839, unmarried.
- 8 CHILD, died in infancy.
- 9 CHILD, died in infancy.
- 10 CHILD, died in infancy.
- 11 CHILD, died in infancy.

By fourth marriage:

- 12 SARAH, born in 1831; living 1856.

<sup>1</sup> Statement of Joel M. Holden, 1858.

<sup>2</sup> *Boston Patriot* of June 24, where Thomas is styled "Captain."

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> *History of Shirley.*

<sup>5</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>6</sup> Artemas K. Holden (19256-2) in 1873 mentions the widow of his "cousin Thomas," and the latter's daughter, Mrs. Brackett.

1925L JOEL (*Amos, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 13 March, 1780, at Shirley; died 4 Oct., 1821, at New Orleans; married in 1813, ELIZA COLLINS HOOKWAY,<sup>1</sup> born 15 June, 1795, died April 18, 1830. Children:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 - 1 JOEL MOODY, born 4 Nov., 1815; died 1 March, 1891; married Mrs. ELIZABETH S. (Le Moyne) JEMERSON.
- 2 WILLIAM, born in 1817; died in 1818.
- 3 WILLIAM S., born 9 June, 1819; died 10 Oct., 1860, in California.
- 4 THOMAS BALDWIN, born 29 May, 1821; died about 1880; married LOUISA B. BLANCHARD, born 15 Oct., 1810, died 14 May, 1888, at Groton, N. H.,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Seth and Emma (Holden) Blanchard. "Thomas B. Holden found a home with the Shakers in early childhood, and as he grew up became initiated into the faith and policy of his guardians; while yet a young man became a trusted leader and minister of the order, was regarded by the older brethren as one who would be an ornament in their denomination, and would exert an influence beneficial to the 'United Friends' beyond the limits of their order. But the charms of a lovely sister, who stood equally high with himself in the estimation of their community, by her amiable and winning ways, so wrought upon his heart as to cause him to concentrate his affections upon her, which movement was reciprocated by her; and thus he was led to abandon the life believed to be the true spiritual state."<sup>2</sup> Of Boston, 1873.

19272 RICHARD STEVENS (*Nehemiah, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 14 April, 1761, at Shirley; died 31 Dec., 1831, at Cincinnati, Ohio; married 5 Oct., 1784, MARY GREEN of Pepperell.

He married, second, 2 Jan., 1797, ABIGAIL FARRINGTON of Lynn, born there 8 June, 1766, died prior to 1820, daughter of John and Hannah (Hawkes) Farrington.

Children:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 CHARLOTTE, living May, 1787.
- 2 MARY GREEN, born 1792; died June, 1846, at Charlestown; married (intention 6 Nov., 1814) FREDERICK SOLIS of Charlestown, a morocco dresser.

Children:

1. Frederick Solis, died young.
2. Henry Solis, died young.
- 3 RICHARD, born 1793; drowned in a well, at Charlestown, 29 April, 1801, aged eight years.

By second marriage:

- 4 ABBY, born 13 May, 1798; died 13 Feb., 1871; married 9 Feb., 1823, at Chelsea (that part Revere) ISRAEL TUTTLE, born 10 June, 1791, died 16 March, 1867.

<sup>1</sup> It is said her father was an emigrant and on settling in America dropped the name Hookway, and was known as Collins. Letter to F. A. Holden.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> *History of Shirley.*

<sup>4</sup> Record of this family from the F. A. Holden *Mss.*



Children, born at Chelsea:

1. Joseph Tuttle, born 6 Dec., 1825, at Chelsea; married 28 Nov., 1850, HARRIET J. ARMOR, daughter of John and Abigail (Kimball) ARMOR, born 12 Feb., 1828, at Derry, N. H.
  2. George Stevens Tuttle, born 26 Oct., 1826, at Chelsea; married 10 Nov., 1849, ABIGAIL BROOKINE FLORENCE, born 10 Oct., 1827, at Saugus, daughter of Charles and Sally (Bray) Florence; (2) 26 Oct., 1875, MRS. SUSAN BRAY (FLORENCE) NEWHALL, his sister-in-law.
  3. Abby Maria Tuttle, born 2 Oct., 1829; married 2 Oct., 1851, SILAS STILLMAN TRULL, born 3 July, 1829, son of John and Lucy (Danforth) Trull.
  4. Angelina Amelia Tuttle, born 15 April, 1841, at Saugus; married 4 Aug., 1861, GEORGE THOMAS FLETCHER, born at Portau-pigne, N. S. They lived in Hudson, Mass.
- 5 - 5 RICHARD STEVENS, born 21 April, 1802; died 4 June, 1871; married LUCRETIA P. ROCKWELL.
- 6 WILLIAM, born 1804; died Jan., 1830, frozen to death on the Newburyport Turnpike, in what is now the town of Revere. Never married.

Richard S. Holden was a carpenter. With his father and two brothers he worked on the ship *Constitution*.<sup>1</sup> Prior to settling in Charlestown in 1787, he lived at Stoddard, N. H., and in 1796 in Boston. He was a member of the First Baptist Church at Charlestown, and a Free Mason. The family tradition, that he served at Bunker Hill, and entered the army "as a powder monkey and came out a corporal" is hardly correct. He claims only his Continental service from 16 April, 1777, in his application for pension. However, he appears to have had other service, unless two of the same name went from Groton, with the service of one complementing that of the other. He appears to have enlisted in March, 1776, in Captain Thomas Warrin's company, Colonel Brook's regiment, and was at White Plains in October, 1776. He enlisted for three years, 15 April, 1777, and served three full years, for the town of Groton, given as his residence, in company of Captain S. Smith, Colonel Timothy Bigelow's regiment. He was at Stillwater, summer of 1777; at Valley Forge, winter 1777-8; in Rhode Island, summer of 1778, and later, and in 1779 was on duty with the Quartermaster General, after which he was transferred to the light infantry company. He reënlisted July, 1780, for six months, to the credit of Groton, and served until 30 Nov., 1780. He was then described as nineteen years of age, five feet seven inches in height, of ruddy complexion. He also served from the 18 August to 30 Nov., 1781, as sergeant in Captain Bowker's company, Colonel Webb's regiment. This entire service was performed before he was twenty-one years of age. He also served as a marine on the frigate *Deane*, March 1 to May 31, 1782.

<sup>1</sup> The frigate *Constitution* was repaired at Charlestown.

In 1812 he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to work at his trade, leaving his family in Charlestown, Mass., but kept up a regular correspondence with them. After an absence of eight years he was stricken with sickness and died suddenly. He was among strangers, and at that time a great distance from home, and his family was not informed of his death at the time. All that was ever learned was that, being a member of the Masonic Fraternity, he was buried with Masonic honors.<sup>1</sup>

Feb. 14, 1820, Richard S. Holden, fifty-seven years of age, resident of Cincinnati, made application for pension; he enlisted for three years, 16 April, 1777, in Middlesex, Mass., in the company commanded by Captain Silvanus Smith of the regiment commanded by Colonel Timothy Bigelow, Massachusetts line, and served until 1780, when he was discharged from service at Budd's Highlands, New York. He was in battles under Gates, preceding the surrender of Burgoyne, at the action of White Marsh, Penn., and at the battle of Monmouth, New Jersey. He was a carpenter, had "no wife or family that I reside with, my children are all of age and settled in life, except Richard S. Holden, aged 17 years, and William Holden, aged 15 years, who do not reside with me, or by their labor contribute to my support. I am ruptured." He received a pension to date from 1813.

19273 NEHEMIAH (*Nehemiah, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 16 July, 1763, at Shirley, Mass.; died 10 Jan., 1851, at Higginsport, Brown County, Ohio;<sup>2</sup> married LUCY A. CLOSSON.<sup>2</sup>

He married, second, 1 May, 1803,<sup>3</sup> at West Fairlee, Vt., ABIGAIL BASSETT, born 24 Oct., 1772, at Mansfield, Conn., died January, 1841, aged sixty-five years,<sup>4</sup> at Charlestown, daughter of Elnathan and Anna (Southworth) Bassett.<sup>2</sup>

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1 - 1 NEHEMIAH, born 1794, at Charlestown; died 1846; married MARY WRIGHT.

2 LUCY, married 26 Nov., 1829, ISAAC BACON of Barnstable.

By second marriage:

3 - 3 HORACE BASSETT, born 22 Jan., 1808; died 26 Jan., 1861; married MARY SHAFFER.

4 - 4 ERASTUS SAWIN, born 5 Jan., 1807; died 1885; married JANE E. DANA; (2) MARIA LYONS.

5 MARY (ANN MARION<sup>5</sup>), born 3 May, 1810, at Brunswick, Maine; died 1878, at Troy, Ohio<sup>5</sup>; unmarried.

6 ELIZABETH, born 17 Feb., 1813, at Bradford, Vt.; died 1901; married 26 Nov., 1849, at Higginsport, LEVI FARWELL DILLAWAY, born 24 March, 1824, at Granville, N. Y., died 1901, son of Samuel C. and Elizabeth H. (Allen) Dillaway. In 1877 they were living at Troy, Ohio.

<sup>1</sup> Letter of a great-grandson, Alvah L. Trull, May 17, 1883.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*; Town records.

<sup>4</sup> Wyman: *Charlestown Genealogies*.

<sup>5</sup> Information of Miss Abbie B. Holden, 1922.

Children, born at Higginsport:

1. Mary Abba Dillaway, born 21 Jan., 1851; married 12 April, 1877, REV. H. C. HERRIOTT. Of California, 1922.

2. Harriet Josephine Dillaway, born 8 April, 1853; died 14 May, 1876.

3. Annie Maria Dillaway, born 2 Oct., 1855; married 25 March, 1886, at Troy, COLONEL THOMAS D. FITCH. Of Troy, 1922.<sup>1</sup>

7-7 ELNATHAN, born 4 July, 1816 (1817),<sup>1</sup> at Bradford, Vt.; died 4 June 1910; married CHRISTINE T. VANCE.

Nehemiah Holden served in Gerrish's regiment of guards, Simon Hunt's company, at Winter Hill, 1778. He enlisted from Pepperell, July, 1780, for six months, in the Continental service, discharged 5 June, 1780. He was at Camp Totoway in October. He reënlisted for three years 28 March, 1781. The last enlistment he was described as eighteen years, five feet five inches, dark complexion, dark hair, dark eyes, farmer. At his first enlistment, seventeen years, five feet four inches, light complexion. His pension papers give further details, where it also appears he enlisted in 1782 on the frigate *Deane*. In 1901 Elnathan Holden wrote to Pension Bureau giving facts concerning his father and grandfather, both of whom served during the Revolution.

April 4, 1818, Nehemiah Holden, aged fifty years, of Fairlee, Orange County, Vt., made oath that he enlisted in the eighth company of infantry commanded by Captain Ward of the third Massachusetts regiment commanded by Colonel Mansfield, April, 1781, for three years. He was discharged at West Point, New York, 17 Dec., 1783.

The selectmen of Orford, N. H., certified that Nehemiah Holden, late of Fairlee, Vt., now living in Orford, is wholly destitute of any property which can yield him income. He is very lame both in his hip and arm, so that he cannot travel without the assistance of a staff or crutch. His health is frequently so poor that he is unable to labor. His wife is a very feeble woman. For many years past he has been much embarrassed with his debts and has suffered frequently for want of the necessaries of life. We believe him to be a prudent person and industrious when able to work.

He made further declaration, July, 1820, giving his age as fifty-seven years on the sixteenth day of July instant. He served as a private soldier in Captain Wade's company, Colonel Michael Jackson's regiment, Massachusetts line. His original declaration was made 5 April, 1818, and he had received a pension certificate. He was a painter<sup>2</sup> and depended on work for support, but lameness in his hip required use of a staff while at work. "The wound in my arm, received at Newburgh on a wood chop fuel for West Point garrison, 1783, is troublesome. I never have received any pension in consequence

<sup>1</sup> Information of Miss Abbie B. Holden, 1922.

<sup>2</sup> In 1804, while of Charlestown, he was described as a glazier.

of my neglect to apply until too late. When in most need of it my application was unsuccessful until the late act of March 18, 1818.

My family consists of my wife and four children: Abigail, my wife, was forty-seven years old October last, and is in a feeble state; Erastus S., my son, was thirteen years old January 5, but of slender constitution; Mary Ann, my daughter, was ten years old 3 May last, is sickly; Elizabeth, my daughter, was seven years old 17 February last; Elnathan, my son, will be four years old 4 July instant."

In February, 1826, he was living in Massachusetts, and in 1830 in Middlesex County.

19274 OLIVER (*Nehemiah, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 18 Sept., 1765, at Shirley; died 4 Sept., 1844, at Charlestown; married 12 May, 1791, at Charlestown, NANCY RAND, born 23 Dec., 1765, died 1832, daughter of Nathaniel and Hepzibah (Larkin) Rand of Charlestown.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 NANCY, born 27 March, 1792; died 25 Jan., 1836; married 26 July, 1815, THOMAS M. DICKEY, who died 24 Jan., 1846, aged 61 years.<sup>2</sup>  
Children:
  1. Henry H. Dickey, born 14 May, 1816; lived in Lewiston, Maine.
  2. Elizabeth E. Dickey, born 19 Oct., 1817; died \_\_\_\_\_; married 1 Nov., 1842, SAMUEL McLANAHAN of Lowell.
  3. Nancy Dickey, born 3 Sept., 1819.
  4. Thomas Dickey, born 22 March, 1821.
  5. Mary Jane Dickey, born 15 Jan., 1823; died 15 March, 1840.
  6. Nathan L. Dickey, born 9 Jan., 1825; died 6 Dec., 1847.
  7. Rebecca G. Dickey, born 31 March, 1827.
  8. Charles Dickey, born 23 Jan., 1829; drowned in California, Dec., 1850.
  9. George Dickey, born 25 March, 1832.
10. Sarah Ellen Dickey, born 25 Oct., 1833; married 21 Dec., 1853, SAMUEL McLANAHAN of Lowell.
- 2 OLIVER, born 22 Feb., 1794; died at Charleston, S. C.
- 3 NATHANIEL RAND, born 20 Dec., 1795; died August, 1827, *s.p.* A druggist in Boston.
- 4-4 THOMAS FREEDOM, born 9 Jan., 1798; died 2 Aug., 1879; married FANNY GOODRIDGE.
- 5 ELIZABETH MARY, born 23 March, 1800; married ——— KEITH.
- 6 HENRY, born 20 Jan., 1803; died in Sierra Leone, Africa, *s.p.*

He was one of the incorporators of the Andover Turnpike in 1805, and in 1836 was among the first to urge annexation of Charlestown to Boston. He was a member of the General Court. His land transactions were extensive, especially in Charlestown, but he traded in land elsewhere, and owned land in Hillsboro, N. H.

<sup>1</sup> This record is from the F. A. Holden *Mss.* The births of children taken from a family Bible in possession of the New England Historical Genealogical Society, with hours of birth, are printed by Wyman in *Charlestown Estates*.

<sup>2</sup> *History of Amherst*, pp. 562, 563, quoted by F. A. Holden.



When he was seventy years of age, Oliver Holden made declaration 16 Feb., 1836, in applying for a pension, stating in part: "my reasons for so having so long delayed making application for a pension under the law of 1832 are as follows, viz.: because I did apply for one in the year 1818, when the judge of the district court in Boston, who examined my papers, decided that no plea but that of poverty would avail. I was not acquainted with the liberal provisions of the law of 1832 which recognizes the merits of the soldier irrespective of his pecuniary circumstances. Being reminded of this, late as it is, I have been induced to present my claims to the department. . . ."

In the early part of the spring of 1782, he was living with his father in Pepperell, and Lieutenant Reed came up there as a recruiting officer. He enlisted under him as a marine on board the *Dean* frigate for the term of one year, and received a bounty of ten dollars. He joined the frigate in Boston Harbor, under the command of Captain Nicholson, who was afterwards tried by court martial, and Captain Manley then took command of her, and her name was changed to the *Hague*. She sailed in August on a cruise among the West India Islands. They captured four British prizes and made the port of St. Pierre, in Martinique. The morning after they sailed from this port, after a short conflict, they captured a British letter of Marque, called *Zac. Bailey*, of twenty guns. He, Deponant, was placed on board the ship of which Captain Daniels was prize master, and Audebot and Dana mates. They returned to Boston where they arrived the latter part of the winter of 1783.<sup>1</sup> They remained on board some time; the vessel was discharged; and he received his discharge from the hands of George Richards, who had returned in the frigate. Richards was chaplain and acted as assistant captain's clerk. This was sometime in April, 1783, after he had been in service about one year. Palms was captain of his company, and Reed and Waterman his lieutenants. His brother, Richard Holden, was orderly sergeant. He recollects Cochran was boatswain, and that one McKeever was sailing master.

He was born in Shirley, 1765. Soon after the war he removed to Charlestown where he has since and now lives. He went into the service on his own motion."

Josiah Barker of Charlestown, gentleman, aged seventy-two years, deposed "I served in the Revolutionary War. In the summer of 1782, my brother-in-law, Tilden Crocker, came down to Pembroke where I was then living, as a recruiting officer, and I enlisted under him as a sailor on board the *Dean* frigate for a term of one year. When I joined the frigate she was laying in Boston Harbor, and I think did not sail before the month of August or October in that

<sup>1</sup> Receipts dated 4 June and 5 Dec., 1783, for wages to 10 May, 1783, signed by Oliver Holden for services on the *Hague* are in Massachusetts Archives.

year. Captain Nicholson commanded the frigate, but before we sailed he resigned the command and Captain Manley took command of her, and her name was altered to the *Hague*. I think Page and Dilloway were lieutenants. We sailed to the West India Islands. It was about ten months before I returned home. I well remember Oliver Holden, a marine on board the above frigate. Richard Holden, brother of Oliver Holden, was Sergeant of Marines."

From a letter preserved by F. A. Holden, written by Fannie A. Tyler, a granddaughter of Oliver Holden, the following is taken:

"I cannot recall a time when my parents or grandparents ever interested me in any way concerning their ancestors. My father alone is left of the large family which lived in the fine old mansion house in Charlestown, and I am his only living child. I have the picture of my great-grandmother, the mother of Oliver Holden, and of her youthful indiscretion I have heard my father's sisters often speak. She was the niece and adopted daughter of a rich Irish earl. (Here follows the story of her marriage with the handsome gardener, and removal to America.) They had children, one of whom I remember, as a very old blind man, sitting by my grandfather's fireside. I was but a little child at the time. Mitchell died and his widow married Mr. Holden, Oliver, my grandfather, being one of their children. During his last illness, one night he was dosing and restless by turns, his watchers heard him say, 'I have some beautiful lines in my head, if I only had strength to note them down.' His last word was the utterance of his daughter's name, his first born, the baby who so filled his heart with thankfulness that out of it came the grand old hymn Coronation. 'Ann' he called, and spoke no more. The old English pipe organ upon which he harmonized much of his music is in my possession."

"Mr. Holden was an eminently good man, deeply spiritual, with a joyous cast of piety, and in an hour of special inspiration he composed the words of the hymn called Coronation. I have heard him speak of the rapidity with which he composed it. The first draft was subjected to very little alteration. It went forth and immediately and generally became a favorite. Oliver Holden was a Baptist with some peculiar views upon church polity, but sound in Gospel doctrine, and eminently pure in Christian morals. His death was calmly, sweetly triumphant."<sup>1</sup>

The organ mentioned above is now in possession of the Bostonian Society, Old State House. Oliver Holden is described by his great-grandson, Oliver Holden of Hollister, Cal., "as a tall, slender man with long silver-grey hair combed back."

Mr. Holden was the chief supporter of a small chapel which stood

<sup>1</sup>Baron Stow in *Boston Transcript*. Abram English Brown printed in the *New England Magazine* a biographical sketch of Oliver Holden.

near the head of Wood Street. In Benedict's "History of the Baptists"<sup>1</sup> appears the following entry:

"Charlestown, Mass. There are two other Baptist Societies which worship in private buildings. They consider clerical titles and dress improper, deny the necessity of ordination in the usual way, administer the communion every Sabbath, and receive no contribution but from church members. The teachers are Mr. Walter Balfour and Oliver Holden, Esq."

Oliver Holden was a justice of the peace.

When the people of Boston honored President George Washington on the occasion of his visit in 1789, a procession escorted him from Roxbury to Boston, that part of the road in Roxbury followed having ever since borne his name, and which later, in 1824, was given to the street in Boston. At the Old State House a triumphal arch was erected across the street and over this arch was a choir of forty voices, drilled and led by Oliver Holden. As Washington approached, the choir broke into a hymn of welcome. Washington was much affected. He dismounted and ascended a balcony near the choir, thanking it and the assembly for the honor shown him.

The following extracts are from an obituary notice which appeared in a Charlestown paper, October, 1844:

"Our honored friend and worthy fellow citizen, Oliver Holden, Esq., at the advanced age of seventy-nine years, departed this life on the 4 ult. He was a gentleman of extensive research and uncommon abilities, industrious habits and kindly disposition, and throughout a protracted, active, and useful life, sustained a high moral and exemplary character.

At the close of the Revolutionary War, he resumed his former employment as a mechanic, and fixed his residence in this town. He continued his business as a joiner and architect for several years with success. He then exchanged the active labors of a mechanic for extensive mercantile pursuits. His superior talent and taste for music soon began to excite attention both as a gifted and accomplished singer and composer. Some of his original pieces attracted the notice of the Rev. Dr. Morse, then minister of Charlestown, a singer of much celebrity, at whose urgent solicitations, Mr. Holden consented to publish his first attempt at composition, in 1792, in a small pamphlet entitled the 'American Harmony.' He was also the editor of the 'Union Harmony' through several successive editions; and in 1795, in connection with Hans Green and Samuel Holyoke, he published a work of some considerable merit, entitled the 'Massachusetts Compiler of Theoretical and Practical Elements of Sacred Music.' In 1800 he wrote and published a collection of 'Sacred Dirges, Hymns, and Anthems, commemorative of General

<sup>1</sup> See Massachusetts Historical Collections, series 2, vol. 2, p. 179.



George Washington,' over the signature of 'A Citizen of Massachusetts.' His style of music seemed peculiarly adapted to the age. Mr. Holden enjoyed his relish for music to the last and began his 'Finale' a few weeks before his decease:

God of my life, nigh draws the day,  
When Thou wilt summon me away,  
To dwell with those who live on high.  
To sin no more, no more to die.

My youthful days and riper years,  
My joyful hours, my hour of tears,  
Passing away like fleeting wind,  
Leave but a remnant yet behind.

He did not live to finish the music to the above.

Mr. Holden filled many important offices in this town, the duties of which he discharged with ability and faithfulness. As a member of the Masonic family he was uniform and consistent and was Master of the Lodge in this town for several years."

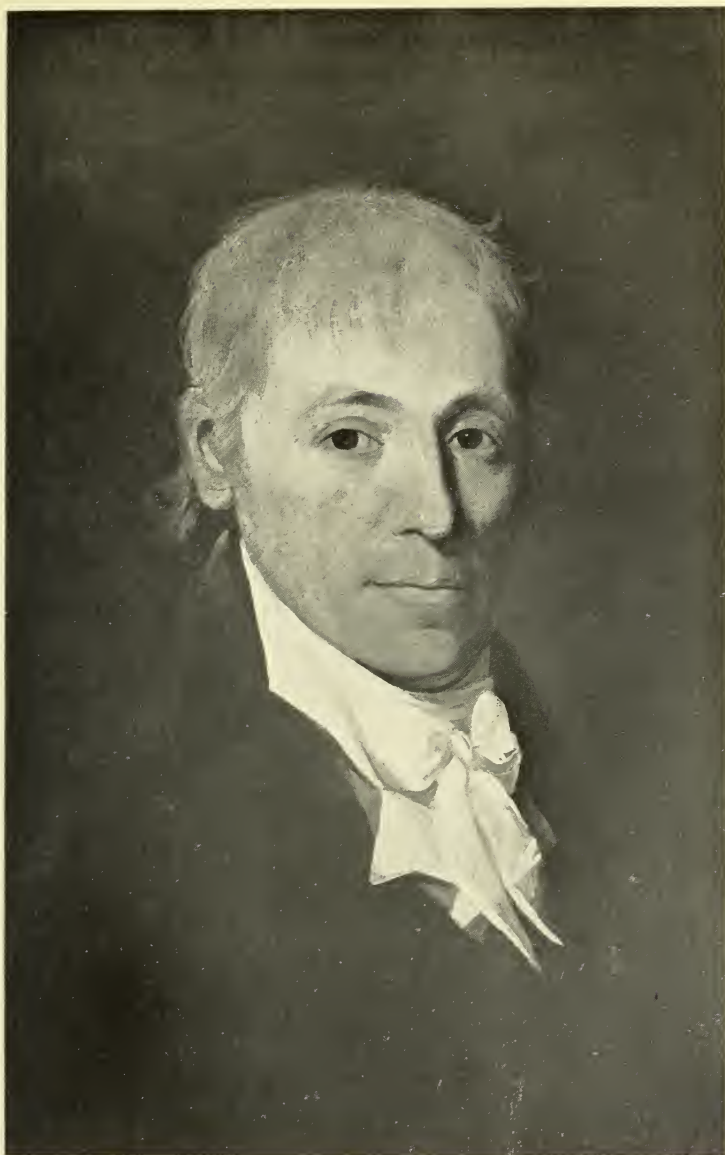
Concerning the well-known hymn "Coronation," an article appeared in the *Buffalo Courier* of 19 Oct., 1878, from which the following extract is taken:

"In regard to the origin of the hymn and tune familiarly known as 'Coronation,' and commencing 'All hail the power of Jesus' name, Let Angels prostrate fall,' there are any number of authors to whom both words and music have been ascribed. There are historical letters and facts that establish this account of the origin of the words and tune. Two prominent hymn-books, 'The Plymouth Collection' and the 'Sabbath Hymn Book,' ascribe the words of the hymn in question to Duncan. This name is not attached to the earliest versions; he is not the author of 'Coronation.' Rev. Edward Perronet, son of Vincent Perronet, vicar of Shoreham, England, was undoubtedly the true author. The hymn was first published, Mr. Nason says, in the *Gospel Magazine*, London, 1780, under Perronet's own name, in his 'Occasional Verses,' in 1785. Rev. William Shrubsole wrote the first tune to which it was sung, and called it 'Miles Lane.' 'Miles Lane' is known very generally in England, and is more frequently sung than our more fitting 'Coronation.'

The Rev. Edward Perronet died at Canterbury in January, 1792, bequeathing to his friend, Shrubsole, organist at Spa-Field's chapel, his large fortune. His last words were,

'Glory to God in the height of his divinity!  
Glory to God in the depth of his humanity!  
Glory to God in his all-sufficiency. Into his hands  
I commit my spirit.'





*Oliver Holden*  
*H J*

Composer of "Coronation"



Of the tune 'Coronation,' we know that it was composed in America by Oliver Holden of Charlestown, Mass., in the year 1793. It was accepted at once as better adapted to the words than the English 'Miles Lane.' Since the original version it has changed very little and is sung at the present time as it was a century ago. From boyhood Holden was a lover of music, especially sacred music, and he commenced the study of musical composition on his arrival in Charlestown. He organized a chorus choir in one of the churches and became quite prominent as a singing-school teacher. In 1792 he published a work entitled 'American Harmony,' and in the year following 'Union Harmony,' in two volumes, the first containing the famous 'Coronation.' He subsequently edited and published other musical works, and after the death of William Billings, in 1800, he became the most popular composer of 'psalm-tunes' in the country. Mr. Nason, in closing his sketch of Oliver Holden, pays the following tribute to his character, which is undoubtedly both correct and just: 'His spirit was truly devotional and he wrote and sung in the honor of his Beloved Master. Millions have been, and are still, warmed in their devotion by the hymn and tune of "Coronation" and let us hold in grateful remembrance the names of Edward Perronet and Oliver Holden.'

Some of his compositions are given in the Antiquarian Collection of Music under the following titles: 'Myrtle,' 'Cross,' 'Lodi,' 'Lynnfield,' 'Paradise,' 'Confidence,' 'Cowper,' 'Deliverance,' 'Alpha,' 'Sweet Surprise,' 'Funeral Hymn,' 'Coronation,' 'Smyrna,' 'Addison,' 'Antipatris,' 'Omega,' 'Reviving Hope,' 'Lord's Day,' 'Concord,' 'Golden Lyre,' 'Salvador,' 'See, He Rises,' 'Beneficence,' 'How Sweetly,' 'Auspicious Morn,' 'Oh! Sweet is the Morn's First Breeze,' 'Hollis.'

He published the 'Billings and Holden Collection.'

"Oliver Holden sang the air and his brother Nehemiah Holden the base, and in that way they got the idea of the harmony. Uncle Oliver had the small-pox, and while sick, amused himself composing music, for which he realized six hundred dollars. There was once a Holden Musical Society in Boston."<sup>1</sup>

"At the head of Salem Street stands the wooden mansion (42 by 40 feet), two stories high, that was the residence of O. Holden, an active and prominent man between 1790 and 1840, preacher, composer of music, and extensive operator in real estate; indeed one of the most prominent men of the town immediately after the rebuilding. Afterwards the Huntingtons and Twomblys lived here. Originally the grounds connected with the house reached from close upon High Street to Bunker Hill Street. The house, however, for some years occupied by Thomas Doane, remains in as good order as ever. There

<sup>1</sup> Letter of Elnathan Holden, a nephew, of Alleghany City, Pennsylvania, 25 Aug., 1877.

was a wide view from it when few buildings stood in the neighborhood, as is shown by a print sheet made as late as 1827."<sup>1</sup>

The old mansion, built about 1800, is now used by the City of Boston as a kindergarten and bears the name "The Oliver Holden School."

In 1800 the First Baptist Church was organized, and 12 May, 1821, its meeting-house was opened. Dr. Morse made an address and Oliver Holden wrote the music for an anthem.

19276 MAJOR DANIEL (*Nehemiah, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 28 Oct., 1771, at Shirley; died 1854, at Higginsport, Ohio; married 10 March, 1796, at Charlestown, HANNAH GREEN of Pepperell, died 1806, daughter of William<sup>2</sup> and Rebecca (Tucker) Green.

He married, second, 28 Jan., 1804, at Topsham, Maine, ABIGAIL FOSTER, born 30 Jan., 1777, at Bath, Maine, died 16 Feb., 1856, at Higginsport, Ohio, daughter of Steel and Martha (Porter) Foster, and granddaughter of Joseph and Abigail (Steel) Foster.

Children:

- 1 DANIEL, born 1 Sept., 1796<sup>3</sup> at Topsham; died 1853.
- 2 HANNAH, born 30 July, 1797; married ——— LIVINGSTONE.<sup>3</sup>
- 3 - 3 WILLIAM GREENE, born 29 March, 1800, at Topsham; died 20 June, 1882; married MELINDA (MATILDA<sup>3</sup>) SHINKLE.

By second marriage:

- 4 ABIGAIL, born 22 Dec., 1804; died 10 Oct., 1825, at Higginsport.
- 5 - 5 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, born 5 Feb., 1807; died 8 Dec., 1878; married ABBY V. KING; (2) FANNIE NELSON.
- 6 ERASTUS, born 31 July, 1808; died 24 Nov., 1809.
- 7 MARTHA, born 11 April, 1811; married<sup>3</sup> WILLIAM BEAUMONT TOWNSEND, born 21 Oct., 1803, at Wilton, England, died 27 Nov., 1847, son of Joseph and Sarah (Palmer) Townsend. Charles Hodgkins of Appleton City, Mo., is a grandson.
- 8 ELIZABETH, born 6 April, 1813; died 14 June, 1880, at Higginsport;<sup>3</sup> married there 7 Nov., 1839, HENRY DAVIDSON, born at Higginsport, died there 5 June, 1892, son of William Davidson. He was a miller, and prominent in public affairs; county treasurer, member town council, president of school board. Children:<sup>3</sup>
  1. Martha Davidson, born 1 Aug., 1840; died 31 May, 1862, unmarried.
  2. Emily Davidson, born 24 April, 1842; died 30 Dec., 1844.
  3. Mary Davidson, born 9 Oct., 1844; died 13 Jan., 1917, unmarried.
  4. Emma Davidson, born 20 May, 1850; died 8 Aug., 1850.
  5. Ella Davidson, twin with Emma.
  6. Julia Davidson, born 30 June, 1854; married 7 Nov., 1877, FRANKLIN PIERCE HITT, born 7 Aug., 1852. Their daughter,

<sup>1</sup> Hunnewell: *Century of Town Life, 1775-1887*, p. 97.

<sup>2</sup> William Green during the American Revolution manufactured powder for the army.

<sup>3</sup> Information of Mrs. O. C. Ellis, who is authority also for dates of birth of children, and who also states that Major Daniel Holden died in 1853, and that Martha married Mr. Bryant.



Mrs. Mayme Ellis, wife of O. C. Ellis of Ripley, Ohio, has portraits of her grandparents and great grandparents.

7. Frances Davidson, born 20 Jan., 1855; married JOHN W. BROOKBANK.

9 MARGARET JANE, born 9 Aug., 1815; never married.

J-10 OLIVER CROMWELL, born 5 Jan., 1818; married SALLIE E. DRENNEN;  
(2) MARIA THOMAS.

11 THOMAS W., a twin with Oliver C.; died 1848, unmarried.

12 NANCY ANN, born 18 Sept., 1820; died 30 May, 1860; married FRANKLIN KING.

Daniel Holden settled in Topsham, Maine, where he engaged in a mercantile and lumber business. He was chosen surveyor of lumber for Topsham and Brunswick, Maine. He was elected major of the artillery for Cumberland County and Lincoln County. In 1812 he was in command of the troops at Bath, Maine, and the same year participated in a battle in the woods near Montreal, Canada, under General Wade Hampton. He probably held a commission in 45th U. S. Inf., as captain.

He removed to Brown County, Ohio, near the present Higginsport.<sup>1</sup> He is buried beside his brother Nehemiah at Higginsport. Mrs. Marjorie Nile Ellis of Ripley, Ohio, wife of O. C. Ellis, daughter of Julia (Davison) Hite, has a portrait of Major Daniel Holden and of his wife Abigail.

192J4 DAVID W. (*David, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 31 July, 1769<sup>2</sup> (1768<sup>3</sup>), at Townsend,<sup>2</sup> Mass. (Hollis,<sup>3</sup> N. H.); died 13 Oct., 1823, at Groton, N. H.; married 1 Jan., 1789, at Hollis, N. H., BRIDGET ATWELL of Groton, born 23 (24<sup>4</sup>) May, 1770, died 30 Dec., 1839,<sup>3</sup> daughter of John and Bridget (Cummings) Atwell.<sup>2</sup>

In 1791, in company with John Atwell, a brother of Bridget, they removed to the new settlement of Groton, N. H. Mrs. Holden removed to Boston in 1824.<sup>2</sup>

Children, three eldest born at Hollis, remainder at Groton, where all are recorded:

1 DAVID, born 31 July, 1789; died 12 Dec., 1799,<sup>5</sup> at Groton.

2-2 WILLIAM CUMMINGS (Wilson on Groton record), born 16 Aug., 1790; died Aug., 1859<sup>2</sup> (1862<sup>3</sup>); married SARAH BRAINARD.

3 JOHN HEMENWAY, born 6 May, 1792; died unmarried.

4-4 PHINEAS HEMENWAY, born 6 May, 1792; died 23 Feb., 1872; married BETSEY PARKER.

5 BRIDGET, born 19 Jan., 1795<sup>5</sup>; died 9 Aug., 1796, at Groton.

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> Information of Sarah L. Cummings (R. W. Holden *Ms.*).

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, letter of Josiah R. Holden, 1876.

<sup>4</sup> The dates of birth, marriage and death as given by various correspondents are frequently in variance a day or a year. As it was impracticable to check the entries, both dates are given, one in parentheses. R. W. Holden obtained information from Miss Sarah L. Cummings, Miss Sarah F. Norris, Morrison's *Norris Family*, Stearns' *History of Plymouth*, published vital records, etc.

<sup>5</sup> Town records.

6 - 6 JOSIAH RHODES, born 22 Feb., 1797; died 18 March, 1887; married JOANNA R. DANFORTH.

7 BRIDGET, born 10 Dec., 1798; died 12 Sept., 1800.

8 MIRA ANN, born 28 Nov., 1800; died 23 (28<sup>1</sup>) April, 1867 (1868), in Boston; married 27 Sept., 1821, JOHN NORRIS, born 23 (24) Sept., 1794, at Chelsea (Corinth), Vt., died 17 Nov., 1870, at Rumney, N. H., son of John and Hannah (Kelley) Norris. They removed from Boston to Plymouth, N. H., about 1830, and thence to Groton, N. H.

Children, all recorded at Groton, where the six youngest were born:

1. Charles Holden Norris, born 14 Aug., 1822 (1823) in Boston; died 22 Nov., 1855 (1854), at Watertown; married 5 March, 1848, FANNY BROWN STETSON, born 28 Sept., 1827, died 1900, daughter of Nathan and Sarah (Brown) Stetson.
2. David Holden Norris, born 29 March, 1824; died 1 April, 1905, at Roxbury; married 8 Feb., 1848, at Chelsea, Vt., RUTH BLAKE NORRIS, born 18 Nov., 1829, at Chelsea, died there 5 July, 1875; (2) 25 Nov., 1875, at Braintree, Mass., MARY A. WARREN, who died 20 Oct., 1879.
3. Mira Ann Cornelia Norris, born 8 March, 1826, in Boston; died in San Francisco, a widow; married 23 March, 1847, EDWIN STEARNS PERKINS, born 4 April, 1822, at Princeton, died 6 March, 1900, in San Francisco.
4. John Milton Norris, born 21 Sept., 1828, at Cambridge; died 29 April, 1832, at Plymouth.
5. George Washington Norris, born 18 Sept., 1830, at Plymouth; died 18 Aug., 1887, at Brookline, Mass.; married 10 Dec., 1852, CAROLINE TRAIN NORRIS.
6. Ann Maria Norris, born 8 Feb., 1832; died 18 Aug., 1898, *s.p.*, at Haverhill, Mass.; married 29 April, 1870, at Rumney, N. H., EDGAR NATHANIEL TUFTS, who died at Stockton, Cal.
7. Sarah Frances Norris, born 8 Dec., 1833; she served in India as a medical missionary until 1881; of Hyde Park, Mass., in 1917.
8. Henrietta Priscilla Norris, born 16 June, 1836; died April, 1870, at Rumney, N. H., unmarried.
9. William Henry Norris, born 24 Sept., 1838; died 22 (8) Sept., 1908 (1909), at Hyde Park, a veteran of the Civil War, married 4 Nov., 1861, at Rumney, CALISTA M. JEFFERS, who died 13 (14) June, 1901; (2) 25 June, 1902, at Hyde Park, MRS. MARY E. (NORRIS) SHERBURNE, widow of George C. Sherburne.
10. Marietta Louisa Norris, born 28 (20) Feb., 1841; married 30 Oct., 1861, EDGAR ALONZO ADAMS, born 27 April, 1839, died 8 Nov., 1885, at Plymouth.
11. Harriet Jane Norris, born 3 Sept., 1843; married 19 Oct., 1863,

<sup>1</sup> The dates of birth, marriage and death as given by various correspondents are frequently in variance a day or a year. As it was impracticable to check the entries, both dates are given, one in parentheses. R. W. Holden obtained information from Miss Sarah L. Cummings, Miss Sarah F. Norris, Morrison's *Norris Family*, Stearns' *History of Plymouth*, published vital records, etc.

PULASKI W. TENNANT of Rumney, N. H. They lived in Haverhill, Mass.

12. John Adams Norris, born 20 Aug., 1846; died 4 Feb., 1911, in Chicago; married 13 March, 1871, HATTIE MILLIKEN, of Scarboro, Maine, who died 1875; (2) 11 July, 1877, ELIZA KELLEY BROWN, of Haverhill. He served in the 32d Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.
13. Caroline Almena, born 22 Aug., 1849; died 1875, at Hyde Park, unmarried.
- 9-9 DAVID, born 27 Dec., 1802; died 11 Dec., 1833; married ELIZABETH L. BRADFORD.
- J-10 MILTON, born 11 July, 1804; died 17 Aug., 1888; married JANE FAIRBANKS.
- K-11 ADAMS MONTGOMERY, born 18 May, 1806; died 5 Oct., 1863; married ELIZA A. SPEAR.
- 12 SARAH, born 10 March, 1808; died 11 Oct., 1897; married 22 Oct., 1827, GEORGE WASHINGTON CRAM, born 11 April, 1805, died 17 March, 1893, son of Jonathan and Polly (Dockum) Cram. They lived at Cambridgeport.  
Children:<sup>1</sup>
  1. George H. Cram, born 27 Sept., 1828; died 30 Nov., 1850, of cholera, in Mexico, returning from California, whither he had gone in 1849.
  2. Francis W. Cram, born 18 July, 1830; died 11 Feb., 1833, in Boston.
  3. Alfred Cram, born 28 May, 1832; died 8 Dec., 1832, in Boston.
  4. Albert Holden Cram, born 28 May, 1832; died 22 April, 1906, at Newton; married 2 April, 1863, SALLY TAYLOR BARTLETT. Their son, George W. Cram, Harvard 1888, has been recorder of the University since 1893.
  5. Frank W. Cram, born 5 July, 1837; died 26 June, 1880, at Denver, Colo.; married 4 Oct., 1858, HANNAH B. SAXTON.
  6. Charles E. Cram, born 27 June, 1839; died 6 July, 1902, in Boston; married 15 June, 1876, MARY I. WELLS.
  7. Adeline L. Cram, born 19 Sept., 1844; died 31 March, 1870, in Cambridge.
  8. Henry Brooks Cram, born 15 July, 1849; died 18 March, 1920, at Brookline; married 21 Nov., 1889, JULIA EMMA NICKERSON.
- 13 LUCETTA, born 4 March, 1810; died 31 May, 1894, at Cambridgeport; married 23 Jan., 1840, URIAH BILLINGS, born 10 March, 1813, died 13 May, 1882, son of Isaac and Polly (Leonard) Billings.  
Children:
  1. Lyman Kinsley Billings, born 6 Jan., 1841, at Canton.
  2. Adriana Billings, born 31 March, 1843.
  3. Massena Holden Billings, born 1845; died 1846.
  4. Sarah Ann Billings, born 1847; died
  5. Clarence Hemenway Billings, born 1850; living 1917.

<sup>1</sup>Information of Frank W. Cram, 1922.

- 14 CHARLES COTESWORTH PINCKNEY, born 10 Jan., 1812; died 7 March, 1815.
- 15 MARY ANN, born 17 Sept., 1814; died 14 July, 1841, at Salem; married 29 Sept., 1836, JAMES WASHINGTON ARRINGTON, born 28 Jan., 1813, at Salem, died there 5 May, 1850, son of Joseph and Catherine (Richards) Arrington, a carpenter and builder at Salem.  
Children, born at Salem:<sup>1</sup>
  1. Mary Ann Arrington, born 1 Sept., 1837; married 21 Sept., 1860, at Rumney, N. H., CHARLES WAYLAND HERBERT, born July, 1837, at Rumney, son of Samuel and Lydia Maria (Darling) Herbert. He is a farmer at Rumney.
  2. Son, died aged one day.
  3. Sarah Lucy Arrington, born 3 July, 1841; married 26 Oct., 1861, at Plymouth, N. H., WILLIAM HARRISON CUMMINGS, born 9 Feb., 1841, at West Plymouth, N. H., died there 16 Oct., 1909. Enlisted Oct., 1861, in 6th New Hampshire Volunteers, discharged for disability 3 March, 1862. They lived several years in Pennsylvania, at Natick, Mass., and Plymouth, N. H.<sup>1</sup>

192J5 PHINEAS HEMENWAY (*David, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 8 May, 1772, at Townsend, Mass.; died 29 Jan., 1856, at Hollis, N. H.; married 31 Jan., 1799, at Hollis,<sup>2</sup> ELIZABETH JEWETT, born 15 Oct., 1775, at Hollis, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Cummings) Jewett.<sup>3</sup>

He was of Littleton, Mass., at the time of his marriage. In 1799 he purchased land in Brookline, N. H.<sup>4</sup> He probably settled in Hollis about 1812, having previously lived in Charlestown, Mass., where in 1807 he was a "trader."

Children:<sup>5</sup>

- 1 ELIZA, born 5 Dec., 1799, at Littleton; died 27 Feb., 1873, at Hollis<sup>2</sup> unmarried.
- 2 SARAH JEWETT, born 19 July, 1801, at Littleton; died 8 Jan., 1874; married JOHN NEWTON WORCESTER, born 7 Feb., 1801, died 5 March, 1884.<sup>5</sup>  
Children:<sup>3</sup>
  1. Sarah Caroline Worcester, born 10 Oct., 1827; died 2 Aug., 1833; married 13 Sept., 1855, JABEZ A. SAWYER.
  2. Frances Ellen Worcester, born 4 July, 1830; died 28 May, 1868; married 18 Aug., 1855, CHARLES L. FARRAR.
  3. Martha Worcester, born 12 May, 1833; died 13 June, 1882; married 6 Dec., 1868, DR. L. W. FLETCHER.

<sup>1</sup> Sarah Lucy Arrington was adopted by her uncle Adams M. Holden, and her name changed by Act of Legislature to Holden. She supplied information concerning this family to R. W. Holden. Her children were Winfred Harrison Cummings, a veteran of the Spanish War, who married Iva Maud Pierce; and Charles Henry Cummings who married Zena Belle Avery. Mrs. Cummings made no mention of the fact noted by F. A. Holden, that Mary Ann Holden (192J4N) was a deaf mute, caused by an attack of measles when eighteen months old. She was educated at Hartford, as was her husband, also a deaf mute.

<sup>2</sup> N. H. Vital Statistics.

<sup>3</sup> Hillsboro Deeds, 37:537, 558.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>5</sup> *Jewett Genealogy*, quoted by R. W. Holden.



4. Abby Elizabeth Worcester, born 1 April, 1835; died 2 Jan., 1880.
5. Charles Henry Worcester, born 18 Jan., 1837; married 27 Oct., 1887, SARAH E. HAYES.
6. John Howard Worcester, born 18 Jan., 1839; died 26 July, 1863, a lieutenant in the Union Army.
7. Samuel Augustus Worcester, born 29 Jan., 1840; married ELIZABETH B. DAY.
8. Frederick Worcester, born 2 Aug., 1842; married Dec., 1885, MARY H. GAGE, who died 1890; (2) 30 June, 1897, SARAH A. LOTHROPE.
9. Franklin Worcester, born 27 Oct., 1845.
- 3 PHINEAS, born 1803; died 5 Sept., 1804, at Charlestown, aged 11 months (*g.s.*).
- 4 MARY R., born 1805; died 2 Sept., 1807, aged 2 years, 11 days, (*g.s.*) at Charlestown.
- 5 ANN, born 24 Oct., 1809, at Charlestown, Mass.; died 11 May, 1876; married 24 Nov., 1835, COLONEL STILLMAN SPALDING, born 18 Jan., 1809, died 16 April, 1894, son of Silas Spalding. Children:<sup>1</sup>
  1. Frances Ann Spalding, born 18 Dec., 1836; died 8 June, 1873, *s.p.*; married 28 June, 1855, SAMUEL K. RICH; (2) 11 Feb., 1867, HON. HENRY H. HUSE.
  2. Henry Stillman Spalding, born 5 March, 1841; died 28 Sept., 1876; married 8 Dec., 1870, EVA J. WHEELER.
  3. Winslow Jewett Spalding, born 19 March, 1843; died 27 April, 1905, at Roslindale, Mass.; married 27 May, 1869, ELIZABETH M. POOL. He served in the Union Army.
  4. Elizabeth Jewett Spalding, born 11 Sept., 1845; married 25 Nov., 1868, HENRY G. HILDRETH.
  5. John Newton Worcester, born 11 July, 1848; died 8 Jan., 1891; married 8 Dec., 1876, HATTIE M. WHEELER.
  6. Clara Alice Worcester, born 8 Dec., 1853; married 11 March 1875, THEODORE BROWN, who died 11 June, 1898, at Los Angeles, Calif; (2) 20 Nov., 1900, EDWARD S. ELLIS.
- 6 CATHERINE (perhaps the Catherine who died 10 April, 1883, at Hollis, unmarried<sup>2</sup>).
- 7-7 RALPH WINSLOW (R. JEWETT), born 20 May, 1814, at Hollis; died 10 Jan., 1894; married ELIZA A. HARDY; (2) LUCINDA COLBURN.
- 8 CAROLINE, married 24 Nov., 1835, JAMES BURGESS of Dunstable, N. H.; (2) ——— PEARSON of Concord, N. H.
- 9 ELISHA WHEELER, born 30 Sept., 1816; died April, 1869, unmarried.
- 10 MARY, married 3 Nov., 1848, DEXTER GREENWOOD of Hollis. Child:
  1. Ellen Greenwood.

192J7 ARTEMAS (*David, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 13 Sept., 1776, at Townsend, Mass.; died 8 August, 1863, at Lowell, Mass.; married 11 April, 1809, JERUSA BROWN, born 7 Oct., 1782, at Con-

<sup>1</sup>Jewett Genealogy, quoted by R. W. Holden.

<sup>2</sup>N. H. Vital Statistics

cord, Mass., died 8 March, 1821, daughter of Captain Abishai and Jerusha Brown of Concord.<sup>1</sup>

He married, second, 26 Oct., 1823, ANNE BOWERS, born 24 Oct., 1795, daughter of Luke and Anne (Pratt) Bowers of Chelmsford, Mass.<sup>1</sup> In 1876 Mrs. Holden was living with her daughter, Mrs. Shattuck.

Artemas Holden was a cooper. He owned a small farm in that part of Chelmsford now included in Lowell. It is said he was of the Puritan type, and much respected.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 MARY ANN, born 16 Sept., 1810; living in Lowell in 1876, unmarried.
- 2 - 2 FREDERIC ARTEMAS, born 14 Aug., 1812, at Lowell, Mass.; married HANNAH PAGE.
- 3 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, born 16 June, 1817; died 8 July, 1855, at Lowell; married 31 Dec., 1846, ALMEDA EMERSON, born 5 Feb., 1823, at Stoddard, N. H., daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Reed) Emerson. She married (2) 25 Dec., 1860, JAMES U. GAGE. Mr. Holden was a grocer in Lowell.

By second marriage:

- 4 SARAH JANE, born 18 Dec., 1824; married 1 July, 1846, GEORGE WALDO SHATTUCK, born 20 May, 1822, at New Ipswich, N. H., son of Abel and Mary (Bedlow) Shattuck. He was for many years a teacher in the Lowell schools, afterward entry clerk in Boston Custom House, and later cashier for J. C. Ayer & Co. He lived on the remnant of the Holden farm. Mrs. Shattuck supplied F. A. Holden with information regarding this branch of the family.
- Children:
1. Emma Harriette Shattuck, born 30 March, 1847; married 16 Oct., 1869, WILLIAM ELLIOTT BARROWS, son of Rev. Elisha P. and Maria Lee Barrows. Mr. Barrows served in the Civil War, rising from private to major on General Mead's staff. After the war he learned the trade of machinist and draughtsman and later became assistant treasurer of the Willimantic Linen Co., at Hartford, Conn.
  2. Jennie Holden Shattuck, born 16 May, 1851; married 29 Oct., 1873, REGINALD CANNING, son of Joseph and Cornelia (Whitney) Canning. Lived at Waverly, N. Y., and Wilmington, Del. Mr. Canning was superintendent of the Cayuga Car Wheel and Foundry Co.
  3. Mary Annie Shattuck, born 4 Sept., 1854.
  4. Helen Maria Shattuck, born 2 Aug., 1859.
- 5 - 5 GEORGE HENRY, born 19 Nov., 1827; married ESTHER L. N. COBURN.

192J9 JOSHUA (*David, John, Stephen, Richard*), born 3 April, 1781, at Townsend; died 17 Dec., 1852, at Westminster, Vt.; married

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, where it is stated that Captain Abishai Brown died 13 April, 1799, aged 53 years, a survivor of the "Concord fight," 19 April, 1775, and that Luke Barrows served in the army seven years in the American Revolution.

27 April, 1802, at Charlestown, Mass., MARY ARMSTRONG MITCHELL, born 5 Dec., 1782, at Dunbarton, N. H., died 7 Dec., 1863, at South Gardner, Mass., daughter of Francis and Margaret (Wall) Mitchell. Francis Mitchell was a half brother of Nehemiah Holden, cousin of Joshua Holden.<sup>1</sup> It is said that Joshua was married at the residence of Nehemiah Holden, grandfather by marriage of the bride.<sup>1</sup>

Joshua Holden was baptized 20 Sept., 1812, at the Hollis Street Church, Boston, and some of his children were baptized there.

Children, born in Boston, except the two eldest:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 - 1 JOSHUA HEMENWAY, born 30 Oct., 1803, at Charlestown; died 14 Jan. 1868; married ROXANA PIERCE; (2) LYDIA B. STOCKWELL.
- 2 MARY ANN, born 23 Nov., 1805, at Charlestown; married 24 June, 1849, at Cumberland, R. I.,<sup>2</sup> PHILIP T. MILLER.
- 3 EDWARD PREBLE, born 10 Nov., 1807.
- 4 FRANCIS MITCHELL, born 17 April, 1810.
- 5 HORATIO NELSON, born 26 Aug., 1812.
- 6 HORACE HOLLEY, born 7 Dec., 1816.
- 7 JULIA ANN CORNELIA, born 29 Jan., 1824.

19312 FRANCIS (*Stephen, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 6 May, 1743, at Groton, Mass.; died in spring of 1823, at Westminster; married about 1774, PATTY (ABIGAIL) CLOSSON, who survived him.

Children, born at Westminster, Vt.;<sup>3</sup> the four eldest are not named in their father's will:

- 1 - 1 JOSIAH, born 11 Aug., 1776; living 1860; married MARY.
- 2 ELNATHAN, born 21 Oct., 1777;<sup>4</sup> died 12 June, 1855. In 1850 he was living in the family of Timothy Wellman at Westminster, whose wife Jane was aged 28, and whose children were Hannah, *æt.* 14, Horace, *æt.* 12 and Caroline, *æt.* 10.
- 3 EUNICE, born 11 Sept., 1779; living 1790.
- 4 - 4 TIMOTHY, born 30 March, 1781; died 4 March, 1853; married SARAH WELLMAN; (2) MELINDA BLANDIN.
- 5 LYDIA, born 15 Jan., 1783; married 13 Sept., 1807, at Westminster, DANIEL CLARK born 2 Sept., 1773, died 11 Dec., 1828, at Westminster.<sup>6</sup>
- 6 SABARY (SABRA), born 28 March, 1786; living 1823; married ——— CONANT.
- 7 FRANCIS, born 13 Sept., 1787; died 7 Nov., 1807 (*g.s.* at Westminster West).
- 8 STEPHEN, born 23 April, 1789; not named in father's will.
- 9 ABIGAIL, born 16 Jan., 1791; living 1823; married 20 Dec., 1808, at Westminster, MARCUS CRAWFORD of Westminster.
- 10 JOHN, born 3 July, 1792; living 1823. Administration on the estate of John Holden of Westminster was granted to Alvan Boyden and Hannah Holden, 26 Dec., 1827. Timothy Holden was surety.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, additions by L. B. Lawrence, Foxboro, 1912.

<sup>2</sup> Cumberland records.

<sup>3</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> Elnathan in 1810 was head of a family in Westminster, consisting of self, aged between twenty-six and forty-five, two males under ten, one female between twenty-six and forty-five, one between ten and sixteen, and two under ten years.

<sup>5</sup> Windham Probate.

<sup>6</sup> *Clark Genealogy* (1834).

- 11 ASAPH, born 23 Sept., 1794; not named in father's will.
- 12 CALEB, born 4 Feb., 1798; probably the Caleb who died at Westminster May, 1845; married 29 Feb., 1824, at Putney, REBECCA WILDER of Putney.<sup>1</sup>
- 13 LAURA, born 19 Sept., 1799; living 1823; married ——— WILLIAMS.

Francis Holden, then of Shirley, enlisted 24 March, and served until 28 Nov., 1762, in the company commanded by Captain James Reed.<sup>1</sup> It is said that on his return from Crown Point he intended to travel the military road which led through Charlestown, then Number Four, but found himself too far to the east and in the vicinity of his later home at Westminster, Vt., which then attracted his favorable attention. He removed to Dummerston, Vt., but failing to make a success of farming where he located, he removed a second time, to the hillside in Westminster. His first home there was a lean-to against a huge rock, which served also as back to his fireplace. He soon erected a more substantial shelter. He ground his own meal, using a hollow log over which hung, by a spring pole, a huge block of wood. Later a grist mill was built at Chesterfield, twelve miles distant, to which he carried his corn and brought back his meal, on his back. The only trail was marked by blazed trees. Soon a road was built, passing the southern boundary of his land, then as now known as the Windmill Road, which became a much traveled thoroughfare. Having made a home he returned to Shirley and married about 1773, taking his bride to Westminster not long before the outbreak of the Revolution.

Tradition asserts he was wounded at the battle of Bennington, and was in the service in 1780, but the record of his service has not come down to posterity. It is known he was a member of the company commanded by Captain Azariah Wright, which was organized in Westminster prior to 1770, and which was called into the service during the Revolution.<sup>2</sup> It is said that after his own term of service had expired he remained in the service as a substitute for a neighbor who had become sick, and to whom he gave the pay received for that additional service. The old homestead was destroyed by fire about 1883, but the ownership of the farm remains in the family.<sup>3</sup>

The census of 1790 enumerated Francis Holden at Westminster, head of a family consisting of himself, another male over sixteen, five males under sixteen, and four females. Charles Holden was also enumerated at Westminster. The census of 1810 found the family to consist of Francis Holden, three other males between sixteen and twenty-six, two males between ten and sixteen years, two males under ten, three females over forty-five years, three between sixteen and

<sup>1</sup> Archives, 99:224.

<sup>2</sup> *Vermont Revolutionary Rolls*, p. 835.

<sup>3</sup> Adapted in part from an article by Elvira Holden Booth, Putney, Vt., 1903.



twenty-six, one between ten and sixteen and two under ten years, which shows that in his family were others than his own children.

The will of Francis Holden, dated 2 April, 1823, was proved 21 May, 1823. He named wife Abigail, children Lydia Clark, John Holden, Laura Williams, Sabra Conant, Abigail Crawford, Caleb Holden.<sup>1</sup>

19313 STEPHEN (*Stephen, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 16 March, 1745<sup>2</sup>, at Groton, that part now Shirley, Mass.; died 7 Oct., 1821,<sup>2</sup> "in his 77th year" (*g.s.* at Westminster West, Vt.); married 1770, MARTHA WASON, born 15 March, 1747,<sup>2</sup> died 31 Jan., 1831,<sup>2</sup> perhaps widow of John Wason.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1 MARTHA, born 13 March, 1771; died 21 Aug., 1847;<sup>3</sup> married 31 Dec., 1793, JOSIAH SHIPLEY of Pepperell, Mass.

2 STEPHEN, born 6 June, 1773; died 28 April, 1776.

3 SUSANNAH, born 26 March, 1775. "Removed from home in early life."

4 STEPHEN, born 7 April, 1777; died 9 Feb., 1803<sup>2</sup> (*g.s.* at Westminster West); married SUBMIT,<sup>3</sup> who married 9 Jan., 1804, at Westminster, Amos Robinson.

Child:

1. Stephen Bartlet, born 18 March, 1803, at Westminster, "son of Stephen, Jr., and Submit."<sup>4</sup>

5 - 5 JOHN, born 19 June, 1779; died 1844; married MARY RAYMOND; (2) MRS. HANNAH (CASH) ATKINS.

6 SARAH, born 17 June, 1781; died 19 May, 1818.<sup>2</sup>

7 THOMAS, born 25 March, 1783; died 17 April, 1783, at Shirley.

8 LUCY, twin with Thomas; died 7 July, 1784.<sup>2</sup>

9 ELIZABETH, born 17 July, 1786; married 8 Nov., 1812, WILLIAM BOWERS. See 16314-4.

10 EMMA, born 9 Sept., 1789.

Stephen Holden was a farmer in Westminster, Vt., whither he removed about 1800. The Census of 1790 enumerated him in Shirley with a family consisting of two males under sixteen, seven females.<sup>5</sup>

In 1810 the Census found him at Westminster, head of a family of self, one male between sixteen and twenty-six, one under ten years, (probably his grandson, Stephen B.), one female over forty-five, one between sixteen and twenty-six, and one under ten years.

<sup>1</sup>Windham Probate.

<sup>2</sup> Bible of Stephen Holden in possession of Mrs. Cynthia (Shipley) Cottle, born 1805, living 1912 in Wisconsin, a granddaughter. The marriages of the children are taken from the R. W. and F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden states that Stephen married 26 Dec., 1799, Susanna Lewis Tolman, daughter of Elijah and Experience Tolman. See 21734.

<sup>4</sup>Town records.

<sup>5</sup>"Susanna Griffin from Gloucester came to dwell with Mr. Stephen Holden in Shirley." (Town Records, 1:151.) May refer to family of 1931.

Stephen Holden enlisted 24 March, 1762, and served until the 23 November, in company commanded by Captain James Reed.<sup>1</sup>

As a member of the company commanded by Captain Henry Haskell, Stephen Holden, Jr., responded to the Alarm of 19 April, 1775. He returned home April 27.<sup>2</sup> According to the History of Shirley he enlisted for eight months, April, 1775.

19314 CHARLES (*Stephen, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 17 July, 1747, at Groton Mass.; married, second, 6 Sept., 1781, at Putney, Vt.,<sup>3</sup> DEBORAH CRAWFORD.

Administration on estate of Charles Holden of Westminster was granted 24 April, 1822 to Sally Hubbard.<sup>4</sup>

Children:<sup>5</sup>

1 - 1 STEPHEN, born 1774; died 15 May, 1840; married PRISCILLA JOHNSON.

By second marriage; born at Westminster, Vt..<sup>6</sup>

2 SALLY, born 9 May, 1783; ( ? married ——— Hubbard.)

3 CHARLES, born 27 May, 1785. The *Boston Advertiser* of 6 June, 1813, records the marriage of Mr. Charles Holden and Miss Rachel Garnsey at Westminster, Vt.

4 SYLVESTER, born 15 March, 1788.

5 ? Daughter, living 1790.

6 ? Daughter, living 1790.

7 POLLY, born 14 Feb., 1798.

8 ASENATH, born 20 April, 1799.

9 MARVIN, born 8 April, 1802.

In March, 1767, Charles Holden from Hollis, N. H., was "warned" by the selectmen of Groton (General Sessions). In 1790 the United States Census enumerated Charles Holden<sup>5</sup> in Westminster having family of self, another male over sixteen, two males under sixteen, and four females. The only Holden in Putney 1790 was the "widow Holden" who had a family of self, four males under sixteen and two other females. In 1810 his family consisted of self and one other male over forty-five, two between sixteen and twenty-six, and one under ten; two females over forty-five, one between sixteen and twenty-six, two between ten and sixteen.

Stephen Holden gave to his son Charles £10, by will dated 3 Feb., 1791.<sup>6</sup>

19315 ZACHARIAH (*Stephen, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 3 April, 1750, at Groton (that part now in Shirley), Mass.; died

<sup>1</sup> Archives 99:224.

<sup>2</sup> Vermont Vital Statistics.

<sup>3</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>4</sup> Windham Probate.

<sup>5</sup> Susannah L. Holden of Shirley, mother of a child born 22 Sept., 1776, claimed that Charles Holden of Westminster, husbandman, was the father. (Sessions, November, 1776.)

<sup>6</sup> F. A. Holden mentions Charles as drowned "about 1780"; that he had been unable to learn the name of his wife; but that he was reported to have had "one child," Stephen, born 1774 at Putney. Without other proof than shown above, it is assumed that Charles is the man whose family record is given above.

prior to 1791; married (published 8 Feb., 1776, at Shirley), REBECCA MARTIN of Derryfield, N. H.<sup>1</sup>

He was deceased at the time his father made his will, February, 1791, in which a legacy was left to Zachariah's son Zachariah and his "other children." He was assessed at Derryfield, N. H., in 1778, and was tithingman there, and in 1778 enlisted for the defense of that place. He had already served in the army. He was a member of the company commanded by Captain Henry Haskell, Colonel James Prescott's regiment, which marched on the Alarm of 19 April, 1775, from Shirley. He enlisted at Cambridge, April 26, and was in the army in October, in Captain Samuel Gridley's company, Colonel Richard Gridley's regiment, as matross, having enlisted 7 June, 1775.<sup>2</sup> He served 29 June to 6 July, 1777, in Captain David McQuig's company, Colonel Moses Nichols' regiment of militia, being of Litchfield.<sup>3</sup>

He probably removed with his brothers to Vermont, and it may be he who was drowned in or about 1780, the fate ascribed to his brother Charles by F. A. Holden.

In 1790 the United States Census found at Putney a "widow Holden" who was head of a family consisting of self, four males under sixteen and two females. She is not found, nor is any Holden, at Putney in 1810.

Children:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 ZACHARIAH, named in his grandfather's will, 1791. There was a Zachariah Holden in Brooklyn, Vt., 1810, head of a family of self, over 45, one female under 26, one under 10, and one male between 10 and 16 years.
- 2 ? SON, under 16 in 1790.
- 3 ? SON, under 16 in 1790.
- 4 ? SON, under 16 in 1790.
- 5 ? DAUGHTER, living 1790.
- 6 ? DAUGHTER, living 1790.

19316 SAWTELL (*Stephen, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 13 May, 1753, at Groton (in that part now Shirley), Mass.; died October, 1840,<sup>5</sup> in Pennsylvania; married (published 16 Dec., 1778<sup>6</sup>) 30 Dec., 1778, at Groton, HANNAH COOK, born 1760 in England,

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* where no account of the family is found.

<sup>2</sup> Mass. Revolutionary Rolls. In N. H. State Papers, he is stated to have enlisted 7 Aug., 1775, for Derryfield.

<sup>3</sup> N. H. Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>4</sup> In the R. W. Holden *Ms.* four sons are named: Jonas, "perhaps married Eunice Twitchell," Stephen, who is queried, Charles, and Stephen. These were evidently obtained from a descendant of Jonas 193K, who named Zachariah in place of Jonas as his ancestor, and may properly be ascribed to the latter's family. Yet these family names may have been given to sons of Zachariah. Descendants of a brother of Zachariah are found in Brookline, 1850-60 (see 1931243) and at Putney in 1850 lived Simon Holden, aged 35, born in Vermont, a tanner, but without a family.

<sup>5</sup> Papers in pension case contain statement of his death in "1850 aged 100 years."

<sup>6</sup> At Shirley, where also appears the marriage intention of Sawtell Holden and Hannah Childs, 16 July, 1774.

died 1814, in Pennsylvania, daughter of ——— and Abigail (Golden) Cook.<sup>1</sup>

Children,<sup>2</sup> six eldest born at Shirley:

- 1 BEULAH BANCROFT, born 9 Aug., 1781; died 1824; married 6 May, 1802, at Shirley, CHARLES WARREN, born 7 May, 1774, at Shirley, son of Ephraim and Sarah (Kezer) Warren.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1. Charles Warren.
  2. Levi Nelson Warren, born 29 Jan., 1835 (1805<sup>3</sup>) at Shirley; living 1882 in Ohio; married PHEBE BROWN of Coventry, Conn. Children.
  3. Edmund Warren.
  4. Chauncey Warren.
  5. Sullivan Warren.
  6. Mary Warren.
  7. Sarah Warren, living in Michigan in 1882.
  8. James Warren.
  9. Horace Warren, living in Michigan in 1882.
  10. Infant.
- 2 - 2 JULIUS SAWTELL, born 13 Dec., 1783; died 1850-60; married NANCY B.
  - 3 MARY (POLLY) GOLDEN, born 20 May, 1785; married COLONEL MOSES EDGELL of Lyme, N. H.
  - 4 ARETHUSA, born 7 Aug., 1787; died at Shirley, *s.p.*; married DARIUS DAVIS of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
  - 5 - 5 HANNIBAL CARTHAGE, born 20 May, 1789; died 10 Feb., 1859; married SALLY SMITH; (2) RACHEL L. COOK.
  - 6 LYDIA PRESCOTT, born 24 Jan., 1791; married WILLIAM SWEET.
  - 7 OCTAVIUS AUGUSTUS, born 15 July, 1793.
  - 8 - 8 GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS, born "at Woodbury, Vt.," 15 June, 1796 (recorded at Shirley); married CATHERINE HARVEY.
  - 9 - 9 REUBEN C., born 1810 at Shrewsbury, Vt.;<sup>4</sup> married SARAH A. WEBB; (2) AMELIA VAUGHN.

Sawtell Holden appears under many aliases. He himself wrote his name sometimes Sawtell and sometimes Sartile, which was the common pronunciation of the name. It also appears as Satle, Sartwell, Sawtle. There are a number of conveyances to or from him on record, and he appears to have been a man of energy and good estate. He was a defendant in Court actions on more than one occasion.<sup>5</sup>

He was a member of the company of Captain Henry Haskell which responded to the Alarm of 19 April, 1775, and returned home April 27. He again served from 10 Sept. to 29 Nov., 1779, in company commanded by Captain Aaron Jewett, Colonel Samuel Bullard's

<sup>1</sup> The father of Hannah Cook died soon after arrival in Boston. His widow lived to be ninety-eight years of age. She was the daughter of John and Abigail Golden. The migration took place about 1769, when Hannah was nine years of age. She was eighteen years of age at marriage (F. A. Holden *Ms.*).

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* The births of the children, except the last, are recorded at Shirley.

<sup>3</sup> Bolton record.

<sup>4</sup> Vermont Census, 1860.

<sup>5</sup> Sarah Holden of Charlestown, Mass., mother of a child born 18 May, 1776, charged Sawtell Holden with being the father. This was in September. The child was living (*Middlesex Sessions*), but sex and history are unknown.



regiment, marching to Saratoga.<sup>1</sup> It is said he removed to Shrewsbury, Vt., in 1812, having formerly lived in Woodbury, and thence to Pennsylvania, where he purchased 750 acres on the Susquehanna River. His pension papers give further details. According to his own statement he settled in Pennsylvania in 1800 in Bradford County. It is also stated that he removed from Vermont in 1802, to Asylum, Bradford Co., Penn., and that in 1834 he was a resident of Windsor, Penn.

The Census of 1790 found him at Shirley, head of a family consisting of two males over sixteen, two males under sixteen, and three females. He was then living on a farm of 120 acres which belonged to Mary Cook, widow, and which with 40 acres additional, he bought of her 1 Oct., 1790. He made other purchases of real estate and also appears a grantor in the decade preceding 1790. He sold a farm of 130 acres with buildings and a pew in the meeting house, 8 Feb., 1794.<sup>2</sup> It is said that the children of Sawtell Holden each received from their grandmother Cook, \$300 in money, some pewter and also gold and silver-ware. By gold and silver-ware were intended small articles of jewelry, as for instance, Bulah received a pair of gold "ear nuts," a silver trail pin, and silk clothes.<sup>3</sup>

13 June, 1834, in Bradford County, Penn., Sartile Holden, resident of Bradford, aged 81 years, made declaration: That he was born in Groton, in that part now Shirley, Mass., 13 May, 1753. In which town, on 1 Jan., 1775, agreeable to an order of the then provincial government of Mass., and in defense thereof, he enlisted under Captain Henry Herskill, in the regiment commanded by Colonel William Prescott, as a minute man, to serve during the pleasure of the government.

On 18 April, 1775, he with others, was called for, and on the nineteenth arrived at Lexington in time to join in the pursuit of the retreating British troops to Boston; after which he continued to serve at Roxbury and Cambridge until the enemy evacuated Boston 17 March 1776, (he was with the troop at the time the battery was erected on Breed's Hill and the action that followed, generally called the battle of Bunker's Hill); after which he was dismissed. On June 1, 1776 the State of Massachusetts again called for troops "to reinforce the Northern Army"; he offered his services and marched to Ticonderoga, by way of Number 4, now Charlestown, N. H., through the wilderness of Vermont, by way of Otter Creek. The company to which he belonged was the second company of Jonathan Reed's regiment, commanded by Captain Joshua Parker, — the brigade was commanded by General Breckett.

Soon after his arrival, he with others, was detached to reinforce

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex Deeds 115:78.

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

the fleet under Waterbury and Arnold. The term of Read's regiment expired December 1, but a large portion served over their time at the requisition of General Gates; among whom was the deponent, who was among the last permitted to return home. Whole service at this time six months and ten days.

Again in July another call was made for troops, and he marched to Bemis Heights, near Stillwater. The company he belonged to was commanded by Captain Aaron H. Jewett, of the regiment under Colonel Bullard and Brig.-General Warner. He was in the battle of 19 September and of 7 October, when General Arnold was wounded. After the capture of General Burgoyne he was marched down the river in pursuit of the enemy who had burned Esopus and retreated. Their march continued, encamping at different places, once near White Plains, to New Jersey; being desired to stay until the enemy had taken their winter quarters. The regiment was called out for three months service, but he continued, with such portions as remained, full six weeks after their time had expired.

He then joined Captain Smith's company and performed services until he was discharged on account of ill health.

Formal discharges were not at this time usually given to State troops. It was his fortune to perform much of the service in this campaign, as in the preceding ones, under officers other than those of the company and regiment to which he belonged, sometimes from choice and permission; sometimes by being detached; sometimes under those of the Continental line; at others those of the State. He was once at Bennington under a Captain Winchester and once under Colonel David Brewer with a large force towards Fort Edward.

All the evidence in his power to offer is the deposition of Jonas Holden, of Crown Point, Essex County, N. Y., and of Asa Holden, of Langdon, Sullivan Co., N. H.

After the war he resided in the same town where he was born until the year 1794, when he removed to the State of Vermont, and from thence in 1800, to Pennsylvania, where he has resided to the present time.

14 Jan., 1834, Asa Holden of Langdon, New Hampshire, 76 years of age, deposed: I was acquainted with Sartile (Sawtell) Holden, formerly of Shirley, son of Stephen Holden of Shirley from a child to manhood; also I was with him in the War of the Revolution at Cambridge, Mass., for the term of eight months; and at Saratoga, at the capture of Burgoyne in 1777. Myself and said Sartile both enlisted for three months; I know that he stayed over his term of enlistment, and that I was with him at Cambridge in 1775.

22 Jan., 1834, Jonas Holden, of Crown Point, New York, about 82 years of age, deposed: I was acquainted and was with Sartile Holden, formerly of Shirley in the War of the Revolution, in the

campaign at Ticonderoga, in the fall of the year 1776, and I believe that the said Sartile Holden belonged to Colonel Reed's regiment, and was at Ticonderoga about six months.

19341 LEMUEL (*Philemon, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 27 June, 1751, at Groton, Mass.; married (intention 2 June, 1780, at Shirley), LUCY BARTLETT, born Sept. 22, 1746, at Cambridge, Mass., daughter of William and Silence (Twing) Bartlett.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 DENNIS, died 17 Aug., 1847, *s.p.*, at Preston, N. Y.; married SUSAN, who married (2), prior to October, 1848, DAVID ECCLESTON. His wife and his nephews, Wilson and Bartlett Holden, were his heirs.
- 2-2 WILLIAM, married LUCY BACON.

Lemuel Holden made application for a pension 20 June, 1818. He declared he was aged 66 years, a resident of Chesterfield, N. H., and that he enlisted 1 Jan., 1776, in Shirley, Mass., in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Perkins, regiment of infantry commanded by Colonel Moses Little on the Continental Establishment; that he served as a private in the said corps until the month when he was discharged, February, 1777, in the State of New Jersey and that he was in the battle of Long Island and White Plains. Sworn to at Fitzwilliam, 14 Aug., 1818.

Major Silvanus Smith and Captain John Kelsey both swear that they served with Lemuel Holden.

Lemuel Holden was a member of the company of Captain Henry Haskell which marched from Shirley on the Alarm of 19 April, 1775; served eighteen days. He enlisted 14 July, 1775, in Captain Robert Longley's company, Whitcomb's regiment, and was at Prospect Hill, August and September, 1775. He also served two months, nine days, in Captain John Minot's company at Warwick Neck in Rhode Island, being discharged 9 July, 1777. He enlisted 15 Aug., 1777, and served until 29 Nov., 1777, in Captain Aaron Jewett's company, Bullard's regiment, at Saratoga. He again enlisted 17 May, 1779, in Captain Moses Barnes' company, Peirce's regiment, for two months, and served in Rhode Island to 1 July, 1779.<sup>2</sup>

In 1790 he was enumerated at Chesterfield, N. H., head of family consisting of self, two males under sixteen and one female.

19346 PHILEMON (*Philemon, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 24 May, 1762, at Shirley, Mass.; died October, 1804, at Acton, now part of Townshend, Vt.;<sup>3</sup> married (intention 19 Oct., 1782, at Shirley),

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

<sup>3</sup> Information of S. A. Holden of Windham, Vt., 1912, who had access to family Bible record, town records, etc.



HULDAH DAVIS, born 3 Nov., 1763,<sup>1</sup> at Shirley, died at Townshend, daughter of John and Huldah (Thayer) Davis<sup>1</sup> of Shirley.

Children,<sup>2</sup> born at Townshend, except perhaps the eldest:

- 1 SABRA, born 23 Dec., 1782, "supposed at Shirley"<sup>2</sup> (not recorded there); died 13 Dec., 1815;<sup>3</sup> married 8 Jan., 1804, at Reading, Vt.,<sup>2</sup> JOSIAH GATES of Townshend, born 8 Oct., 1783, at Stow, Mass., died 10 March, 1812, at Townshend, son of Caleb and Mindwell (Oaks) Gates.<sup>4</sup>  
Children:<sup>4</sup>
  1. Artemas Gates.
  2. Josiah Gates.
  3. John Gates.
  4. Emery Gates.
  5. Caleb Gates.
- 2-2 DENNIS, born 6 Dec., 1784; died 15 July, 1872; married ACHSAH GATES.
- 3 SYLVANUS, born 1 Jan., 1788; "He had at least one daughter."<sup>6</sup> Lived in Enosburg, Vt.
- 4-4 SQUIRE, born 14 July, 1789; died 13 Jan., 1855; married LUCY CHAFFIN.
- 5 JOHN, born 31 May, 1791; lived in Jackson, N. Y., and had a son Philemon.
- 6-6 WILLARD, born 8 Feb., 1793; died 18 Aug., 1880; married SALLY RICE.
- 7-7 JONAS, born 1 June, 1796; died 6 June, 1838; married ROXANNA JORDAN.
- 8 LORENZO, born 5 Sept., 1798. Lived in New York State and held the office of sheriff, possibly in Luzerne.

Philemon Holden enlisted from Shirley as a fifer 27 May, 1775, then but thirteen years old. He served until October, 1775, in company commanded by Captain Abner Pomeroy, Colonel John Fellow's (8th) regiment, and was in the service 28 Nov., 1775. He appears as a musician in company commanded by Captain Isaac Wood, Colonel Jonathan Reed's regiment of guards, as enlisted 31 March, 1778, and served three months at Cambridge. He also served as a fifer in Captain Joshua Leland's company of guards stationed at the forts in Boston Harbor, from 30 Sept. to 10 Nov., 1779.<sup>5</sup>

In 1837, then a resident of Londonderry, Vt., he deposed that he knew Phinehas Holden (his brother) was a Revolutionary pensioner.<sup>6</sup>

He was also a member of Captain Tyler's company of Vermont militia in 1780.<sup>7</sup> He was one of the proprietors of Johnson's Gore, which later was incorporated as Acton, and now is part of Townshend,

<sup>1</sup> Shirley Vital Records.

<sup>2</sup> Information of S. A. Holden of Windham, Vt., 1912, who had access to family Bible record, town records, etc. The births are found on Townshend records, where Sabra's name is found with same birth date (in the copy supplied) as that of Dennis. They were not twins.

<sup>3</sup> Information of S. A. Holden, who also gives date 16 July, 1854, which was date of death of Mrs. Achsah (Gates) Holden.

<sup>4</sup> *Ms. Oaks Genealogy*, library of N. E. Hist. Gen. Soc.

<sup>5</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls, and F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>6</sup> Pension records, case of Phinehas Holden.

<sup>7</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*



Vt., and a "lister" there in 1802. He was a farmer.<sup>1</sup> His nephew Philemon, son of Phinehas, settled at Londonderry, Vt., prior to 1831, and remained there.

Administration on his estate was granted 6 Nov., 1804.

19347 PHINEHAS (*Philemon, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 6 April, 1764, at Shirley, Mass.; died September, 1836, at Londonderry, Vt.;<sup>2</sup> married MARY CRAIG of Shirley.<sup>2</sup> He married, second, 9 Sept., 1827, at Brookline,<sup>2</sup> N. H., SUKEY GREEN of Brookline, N. H., who married second, 12 Nov., 1844, being then of Wilton, N. H., Stephen Mansur of Wilton,<sup>3</sup> who died 11 May, 1865, at Wilton.<sup>3</sup> She was living at Margate, N. H., in 1868, aged 73.<sup>2</sup>

Children:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 LOVE, born 1 Aug., 1792, at (Pepperell<sup>5</sup>) Shirley.
  - 2 THEODORE, born 28 Jan., 1794, at Shirley; of Detroit, 1822 (bought land);<sup>6</sup> died prior to 1869 in Branch County, Michigan. He had a son William, married ——— GILLETT, and probably settled near Lansing; also a daughter who had removed from Michigan before 1869. The daughter married ——— SWICK and lived near Fremont, Ind. Had son Theodore Swick.
  - 3 MOSES, born 20 Jan., 1796, at Shirley.
  - 4 POLLY (MARY), born 3 July, 1798, at Brookline.
  - 5 PHINEAS WALKER, born 9 April, 1800, at Brookline; married SUSANNA.
  - 6 LUCY, born 20 Feb., 1803, at Brookline.<sup>7</sup>
  - 7-7 PHILEMON, born 22 Nov., 1804, at Brookline;<sup>7</sup> died 10 May, 1880; married SALLY FAULKNER; (2) MRS. RHODA WYMAN HOWARD.
  - 8-8 DENIAS (DENNIS), born 17 (19) July, 1806, at Brookline;<sup>7</sup> died 11 Dec., 1880; married HANNAH W. MILLS.
  - 9-9 ALVAH, born 10 June, 1812, at Brookline; married ——— Stevens; (2) CAROLINE E. HICKOX.
  - 10 Lorenzo.
  - 11 Horatio, born at Brookline, N. H.
  - 12 Lavia.
  - 13 Lorinda.
- By second marriage:
- 14 THERZA ANN, born 24 Feb., 1828, at Brookline;<sup>7</sup> married ——— Worden.
  - 15 ABZANA (ABZINA), born 12 May, 1830, at Brookline.<sup>7</sup> "Of Manchester Mills."
  - 16 IRENA, born 29 Jan., 1833, at Brookline.<sup>7</sup> "Of Manchester Mills."
  - 17 GEORGE WASHINGTON, born 6 Feb., 1835, at Brookline.<sup>7</sup> "Of Manchester Mills."

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> Pension records and F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> Pension papers, deposition of Philemon Holden.

<sup>4</sup> The six eldest are recorded at Shirley, the places of birth being given. The names of all but Love are found in an old family memorandum, now in possession of Edwin Holden (19347.J9), listed as children of Phinehas and followed by a list of "cousins of Alvah Holden," naming William, Mary, Catherine and Rozelynda Holden (perhaps children of Theodore), all living in Michigan. Theodore G. Holden of Camden, Hillsdale Co., Mich., is also named.

<sup>5</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>6</sup> Commissioner's records.

<sup>7</sup> Brookline records.

Phinehas Holden enlisted from Shirley, July, 1780, for six months; he was described as 16 years of age, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, of light complexion. He reported at Springfield July 12, and is carried on a later roll as "deserted." He made no reference to this service in his pension declaration, but gave the following service record: Enlisted when 13 years of age, in 1778, in company of Captain Nathan Smith of Shirley, and served nine months at Ball's Point, Rhode Island. In 1781 he enlisted from Shirley for six months in the Continental Army, and served in the company of Captain Sylvanus Smith, Colonel Bigelow's regiment, and was stationed at West Point. On his return his pocket-book was stolen with his discharge in it. In 1781 he enlisted for five months to go to Rhode Island, in company of Captain Asa Drury,<sup>1</sup> and served until discharged.

At the time of making this declaration he was 68 years of age and stated that about thirty-six years since he had removed to Brookline<sup>2</sup> where he then lived. This was September, 1832. With the papers is a copy of the marriage record of "Phineas Holden and Sukey Green."

Phinehas Holden, cooper, was one of Shays' followers, and took oath of allegiance, after the trouble, 30 Mar., 1787. According to Henry W. Holden, a grandson, he was in the War of 1812, as were some of his sons. The second wife was well remembered by Henry, who also stated that he thought Theodore settled in Hillsboro Co., Mich., and another son in Herkimer Co., N. Y., and another at Londonderry, Vt. According to the *New Hampshire Telegraph*, he died at Nashua, 4 July, 1835, described as "Phineas Holden, of Brookline, aged 70, a revolutionary veteran present at the Independence Day celebration" in Nashua.

19348 SYLVANUS (*Philemon, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 17 March, 1766 at Shirley, Mass.; died there 5 April, 1843; married (published 16 Jan., 1791 at Shirley<sup>3</sup>) POLLY BATHRICK of Lunenburg,<sup>4</sup> died 14 Oct., 1849, aged 80 years, 11 months, 18 days.<sup>3</sup> (13 Oct., *g.s.*) Farmer.

Children,<sup>4</sup> born at Shirley:<sup>3</sup>

1-1 LUKE, born 17 July, 1791; married (1) REBECCA POLLEY; (2) Mrs. BETSEY FAIRBANKS.

2-2 SYLVANUS, born 3 May, 1793; died 1 Aug., 1870; married LUCY RAMSDELL.

3-3 RUFUS, born 22 March, 1795; died May, 1831; married PHILA WEBBER.

4 POLLY, born 8 June, 1797; died 18 Nov., 1875; married 6 April, 1820, JAMES HOLDEN; (2) 20 April, 1848, PETER WASHBURN.

<sup>1</sup> Pension papers. He thought his company was in Colonel Turner's Massachusetts regiment.

<sup>2</sup> Yet he is not enumerated at Brookline 1810, the only Holden there being William, nor does he appear in the Vermont census of 1810.

<sup>3</sup> Shirley *Vital Records*.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

- 5 - 5 REUBEN, born 30 March, 1799; died 15 Aug., 1858; married MARY CHUTE.
- 6 LEANDER, born 23 June, 1801; died 12 May, 1878; unmarried.<sup>1</sup>
- 7 - 7 PHILEMON, born 6 Oct., 1803; married ELIZA STUART; (2) SARAH A. ROLLINS.
- 8 ERIE, born 23 Dec., 1806; died 13 July, 1849, at Lunenburg; married 5 May, 1833, ANN T. GOODRICH, born 9 June, 1817, died at Springfield, Mass., daughter of Asaph W. and Hepzibeth (Rugg) Goodrich of Fitchburg. She married (2) Francis Goodrich.
- 9 LUCY, born 25 Dec., 1808; living at Gardner, 1877, unmarried.<sup>1</sup>

19373 SIMON<sup>2</sup> (*Simon, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 22 May, 1757, at Shirley, Mass.; died 22 July, 1826, at Lunenburg, Mass.; married (published 20 Sept., 1777, at Shirley) MARY PIERCE. He married, second, 20 April (Nov.), 1794, at Shirley, LYDIA PAGE, born 10 Dec., 1748, died 8 Oct., 1827, at Shirley,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Simon and Hannah (Gilson) Page of Shirley. Her heirs were Luther, Peter, James and Simon Page.

Simon Holden, Jr., is enumerated in the census of 1790. His family consisted of himself, two males under sixteen, and three females.

#### Children:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 POLLY (MOLLY), born 20 Sept., 1778, at Shirley; married 1 April, 1798, SAMUEL SEVER, a farmer, of Charlestown, N. H.  
Children:<sup>5</sup>
  - 1. Mary B. Sever, born 25 Nov., 1799; died 2 Nov., 1868, at Charlestown; married 18 April, 1826, ARA POWERS, born 1797, died 29 Sept., 1865, at Charlestown, son of Samuel and Chloe (Cooper) Powers.
  - 2. Valeria A. Sever, born 6 May, 1805; died 31 July, 1871, at Charlestown; married "DEACON" JOHN PUTNAM, born 24 June, 1799, died 3 Sept., 1865, at Charlestown, son of Timothy and Sarah (Hewitt) Putnam.
  - 3. Louisa J. Sever, born 6 Nov., 1809; married NAHUM DODGE of Stoddard, N. H., son of Elisha (Elijah) and Sarah (Jackson) Dodge.
- 2 SIMON, born 27 June, 1780, at Shirley; died 9 June, 1805 (*g.s.* at Shirley), *s.p.*; married 11 Nov., 1804, at Shirley, MARY KEZER, born 16 Sept., 1783, at Groton, Mass., died 7 Dec., 1875, daughter of Jonathan and Bathsheba (Alexander) Kezer. She married (2) 12 Oct., 1811, David Fuller, who died in 1823, and she married (3) Samuel Patch, who died 28 May, 1869.

<sup>1</sup>F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup>See Woburn Epitaphs, p. 135, for a note concerning Simon's descendants.

<sup>3</sup>Mrs. Bolton's record in Shirley *Vital Records*.

<sup>4</sup>Frederick W. Holden in 1900 asserted he had learned from correspondence that there were in all eleven children, eight of whom he names as above, having their names from his great aunt. Perhaps two of the unnamed children were daughters and living in 1790.

<sup>5</sup>See *History of Shirley, Mass.*, p. 466, for descendants.

- 3 - 3 NATHAN, born 1782 (baptized 13 Nov., 1784<sup>1</sup>); died 13 April, 1807; married DELIA DICKERSON.
- 4 HEZEKIAH, baptized 5 May, 1782; drowned in infancy.<sup>1</sup>
- 5 - 5 LUTHER, born July, 1786 (baptized July, 1785<sup>1</sup>); died 1 (18<sup>1</sup>) Sept., 1830; married DELIA (DICKERSON) HOLDEN.
- 6 - 6 JAMES, born 13 Nov., 1789; died 25 May, 1865; married PAMELIA ALLEN.
- 7 ELIZA, born 1 April, 1791, at Shirley; married 2 Jan., 1812, ALVAN FLETCHER, born 11 July, 1770, son of Jonathan Fletcher, who was in the Battle of Bunker Hill. They lived at Ripton, Vt. Children:<sup>2</sup>
1. Levi Wilson Fletcher, born 4 Aug., 1814; died 5 Sept., 1836.
  2. Valeria Ann Fletcher, born 26 Jan., 1816; married 27 Aug., 1834, PLINY CLARK of Andover, Vt., later of Montrose, Wis.
  3. Samuel Seaver Fletcher, born 26 May, 1817; resided at Goshen, Vt.
  4. Edwin Francis Fletcher, born 4 May, 1819; died 9 March, 1840.
  5. Calvin Thornton Fletcher, born 9 July, 1820; died 2 May, 1838.
  6. Louisa Jane Fletcher, born 26 Dec., 1821; married MORRIS PIERCE of Westminster, Vt. Their son Alvan Pierce was a member of Co. G, 11th Vermont Volunteers.
  7. Joanna Burbank Fletcher, born 29 Oct., 1828; married N. W. COBB.
- 8 HANNAH, married DUNCAN COOK; (2) NATHAN DARLING.

Simon Holden served in company commanded by Henry Haskell, Colonel James Prescott's regiment, which marched from Shirley on the Alarm of 19 April, 1775, and returned home 25 April. He appears as corporal in Captain Job Shattuck's company, Colonel John Robinson's regiment, for service in camp at Cambridge, March, 1776. (From Parker's diary we learn that the company performed fifty-eight days duty about Boston from early March.) This tour of duty, however, may have been by his father, for in a company dated "1776," Simon Holden, private, is reported as having lost his knapsack in battle and as being at White Plains, fit for duty, hence in service in October, 1776.

Parker notes the election of Simon Holden by the local company at Shirley, as corporal, 20 Nov., 1778.

Parker also notes that Simeon Holden was enlisted 29 Jan., 1776, for two months, and although there is no extant roll for this period which gives his name he doubtless served in the army before Boston during this critical period of reorganizing and re-enlisting the army.

Simon Holden, Jr., conveyed to Ovid Houston of Dunstable, 2 May, 1787, five acres in Dunstable, together with half the dwelling

<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Bolton's record in *Shirley Vital Records*

<sup>2</sup> *Fletcher Genealogy*, p. 44.



house, "the property of heirs of Mr. William Gordon, deceased,"<sup>1</sup> Mary Holden, wife of Simon released.<sup>2</sup> In June, 1788, Simon Holden sold twenty acres in Dunstable.

19375 ABRAHAM<sup>3</sup> (*Simon, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 25 June, 1761, at Shirley, Mass.; died later than 1839, probably in New York State; married ——— who was born in 1771.<sup>4</sup>

Children:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 BETSEY, born 1803; married 9 Feb., 1823, at Stockbridge, JOHN SLADE of Stockbridge, Vt.<sup>5</sup>
- 2 ABRAHAM, born 1806.
- 3 ABEL, twin with Abraham.
- 4 ORILLA, born 1808.
- 5 ROSILLA, born 1811; married 4 March, 1832, at Stockbridge, ORRIN A. TYLER of Stockbridge.<sup>6</sup>

There was an Alvan Holden of Stockbridge, Vt., who married 14 Feb., 1830, at Barnard, MARY CHAMBERLIN and settled in Barnard.

Abraham Holden enlisted in the company of Captain Nathan Smith, Colonel Jacob's regiment, and his name appears on the roll of that company November, 1778. He enlisted for three years at Shirley, 1 Jan., 1781, and was then aged 20 years, 5 ft., 9 in. in height of dark complexion, dark eyes, and light hair.<sup>6</sup>

The above service record agrees with his statement in August, 1820, when he applied for a pension. He declared he was aged 59 years, was a resident of Stockbridge, Vt., and that he enlisted in January, 1778, in Smith's company, Jacobs' regiment, and served until December, and that he again enlisted 1 Jan., 1781, and served until July, 1783, in Captain Abner Ward's company, Colonel M. Jackson's regiment, Massachusetts line. He was discharged because of an injury to his knee. He was unable to perform any considerable labor because of the lameness of his knee and had also a rupture. His wife, unnamed, was aged 49 years, was in poor health, and he also named his children, giving their ages as 17, 14, 12 and 9 years, and asserted that all but Rosilla were not of strong constitution.<sup>4</sup> In

<sup>1</sup> William Gordon, merchant, of Boston, died 1736, leaving a will probated 8 Feb., 1736-7. He had no children, and left his estate to friends James and Alexander Gordon, the former's wife Elizabeth and son William. James Gordon was appointed executor and the residue of the estate was to be divided among his children. In 1753, James Gordon of Boston, merchant, sold land in Dunstable, and the following year from affection for his only son William, who was living with him, and at the desire of his wife Elizabeth, mother of William, he conveyed to him land in Hopkinton. James Gordon with John Erving, Esq., and Captain Robert Watt, were managers of the fund of the Scots Charitable Association. William Gordon of Dunstable appears in 1771 as administrator of estate of James Gordon (Suffolk files, 147,980). He died 1777, leaving wife Temperance and several children. The only connection of a Holden with the family appears to have been the undertaking of bondsman by Captain Nathaniel Holden of Dunstable for Cosmo Gordon, who with his brother James were executors of their mother's will. The connection with Simon Holden is not seen.

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 95: 310.

<sup>3</sup> This man has been confounded with Abraham of Loudon, N. H., later of Leicester, Vt.

<sup>4</sup> Papers in pension case.

<sup>5</sup> Town records.

<sup>6</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls

February, 1840, he applied for payment of his pension in New York State, he being then a resident of Livingston County, whither he had removed to be near three of his children who had married. His payment was paid from Albany to 4 Sept., 1839. (Certificate of Comptroller's Office, May 19, 1840, and the pensioner may have deceased before that date.)

His name does not occur as head of a family in the United States Census of 1790, and it is probable he was not at that time married.

19379 JAMES (*Simon, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 19 Feb., 1772, at Shirley; died 1815, at Westminster;<sup>1</sup> married 19 Nov., 1795,<sup>2</sup> at Westminster,<sup>3</sup> PERSIS RAY, born 28 April, 1770, at Westminster,<sup>3</sup> died 22 June, 1841,<sup>2</sup> daughter of Asa and Mary Ray. He was at one time a resident of Lunenburg, later of Ashburnham, probably to 1804.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 SALLY, born 20 May, 1796,<sup>3</sup> at Ashburnham; died 25 Aug., 1858;<sup>2</sup> married 3 Dec., 1818, at Gardner<sup>3</sup> (described as of Westminster), LEBBEUS PRIEST.
- 2 - 2 JAMES, born 15 June, 1798, at Ashburnham;<sup>3</sup> married 8 May, 1820, at Shirley,<sup>3</sup> POLLY HOLDEN, his second cousin.<sup>2</sup>
- 3 MALINDA,<sup>4</sup> born 14 July, 1801; married DANIEL HOLBROOK of Boston, born 1796.<sup>2</sup>
- 4 STILLMAN, born 16 March, 1804, at Shirley;<sup>3</sup> will proved 1889; married 19 Nov., 1835, at Gardner,<sup>3</sup> MOLLY KELTON, who died 15 Sept., 1865<sup>2</sup> (probably daughter of Samuel and Molly Kelton, born 18 Oct., 1791, at Gardner); (2) SARAH THOMPSON. He removed to Erving.
- 5 LEVI, born 27 (26<sup>2</sup>) 1806<sup>3</sup> at Shirley; died 27 Jan., 1863 (1853?<sup>2</sup>); married 24 June, 1835, at Westminster,<sup>3</sup> PHEBE TEMPLE of Gardner. Children, born at Gardner:<sup>3</sup>
  1. Leander, born 29 April, 1839; died 11 Sept., 1839.
  2. Mary, born 15 Sept., 1842; died 29 Sept., 1842.
- 6 HEMAN, born 29 Feb., 1808; died 8 July, 1874, at Erving, leaving will dated 3 Sept., 1873, proved 1 Sept., 1874; married 15 Feb., 1843, HARRIET DARLING, born 6 March, 1818<sup>2</sup> (perhaps the Harriet M. of Ashfield, whose will was proved 1896). Heman Holden bought land in Erving in 1846. Children:<sup>2</sup>
  1. Jennie S., born 22 April, 1846; living unmarried, Sept., 1873.
  2. Daughter, born 9, died 10 Jan., 1848.
- 7 - 7 ELBRIDGE, born 13 Jan., 1811; died 8 Sept., 1882; married LOUISA BAKER; (2) TRYPHOSA ROLPH.

<sup>1</sup> Worcester Probate Index. Not on Westminster records.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Mss.*

<sup>3</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> Heman Ray (uncle) was appointed guardian, 13 Dec., 1815, of James and Malinda Holden, over fourteen years, children of James Holden of Lunenburg, deceased.

193K2 CHARLES (*Jonas, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 4 Dec., 1779, at Shirley, Mass.; died 17 May, 1857<sup>1</sup> "aged 76," at Wallingford, Vt.; married<sup>2</sup> POLLY BIGELOW,<sup>3</sup> who died 22 Aug., 1846,<sup>1</sup> daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth (Oak) Bigelow, formerly of Ashburnham, and later of Vermont. Farmer. In 1850 he was living with his son Nathan.

Children:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 - 1 NATHAN BIGELOW, born 11 Oct., 1818, at Mt. Holly;<sup>5</sup> died 20 Aug., 1879; married SOPHRONIA HILL.
  - 2 REED, died young.
  - 3 - 3 ALVIN, born 1804-1805; died 6 March, 1888; married ALMIRA IVES; (2) EMILY JOHNSON.
  - 4 - 4 FITCH, born 13 Aug., 1806 at Mt. Holly; died 26 Sept., 1871; married CHLOE TODD.
  - 5 ELIZA, died 1855; married ——— CROWLEY.
- Children:
1. Son.
  2. Son.
  3. Daughter.
  4. Daughter.

193K4 LUTHER (*Jonas, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 9 Jan., 1782, at "Jeffery, N. H." (in "Massachusetts"<sup>6</sup>); died "aged 102" (living in November, 1877); married 7 Jan., 1811, at Wallingford, Vt., PATTY HOWARD, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Biam) Howard. He married (2) 6 July, 1840, at Wallingford, MRS. BETSEY GROVE WARNER, died 23 Aug., 1877, aged 77 years, widow of William S. Warner, daughter of William and Juda (Boker) Graves. By her first marriage she had William, Martin and Robert Warner.

Luther Holden was living in November, 1877, at South Wallingford, Vt., at that time ninety-six years old, "the oldest Holden in America."<sup>7</sup> His grandson wrote, "He is very smart, milks a cow, takes care of stock, and he tended half an acre of corn the past season. Goes to town half a mile and attends to all his business personally. His mind and ear are hard to cheat." His mother, Sarah Holden, was living with him in 1850, aged ninety-three years.<sup>8</sup>

Children, born at Wallingford, Vt.:

- 1 SARAH LORANA, born 24 May, 1812;<sup>9</sup> married 1 May, 1831, at Wallingford, DAVID MAXHAM, born 2 July, 1804, at Wallingford, son of David and Phidelia (Doty) Maxham.

<sup>1</sup> Information of Rosanna S. Hemenway.

<sup>2</sup> Also said to have married Rebecca Ives (letter of Mrs. Rosanna Hemenway, 1917).

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*, apparently quoting *Oaks Genealogy*, asserts she was sister to John Bigelow who married his sister Harriet.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, confirmed by various family accounts. Charles R. Holden (193K24-5+), states that Charles Holden lived at Crown Point, N. Y., and had two brothers, Luther and Stephen, and that his son Fitch was born at Mount Holly.

<sup>5</sup> Record in family Bible in possession Mrs. M. E. Roseberry.

<sup>6</sup> Vermont Census of 1850, where his age is given as sixty-six years and that of his wife, fifty-five years.

<sup>7</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>8</sup> Vermont census.

<sup>9</sup> Wallingford records.

## Children:

1. Marshall R. Maxham, born 27 July, 1832; married.
2. Luther Holden Maxham, born 21 April, 1834; married.
3. Martha A. Maxham, born 16 Aug., 1840; married.
4. George L. Maxham, born 11 Feb., 1845; married.
5. Oscar A. Maxham, born 28 Sept., 1852; married.

All living in 1877, at which date there were ten grandchildren and one of the next generation living. No deaths had occurred in the family.

- 2 - 2 JONAS REED, born 22 May, 1816; died 29 (18)<sup>1</sup> Dec., 1868; married CLARISSA NILES; (2) MARY A. BURGESS.

- 3 MARBURY MATILDA, born 5 June, 1818;<sup>2</sup> married 18 Feb., 1841, WILLIAM C. BOICE, son of William and Nancy (Cooper) Boice.

## Children:

1. Atta E. Boice, born 1 Jan., 1842; died 1 Oct., 1876; married 1 Jan., 1861, at Rutland, Vt., WARREN BLANCHARD, born 20 Aug., 1839, son of Peter and Roxy (Littlefield) Blanchard.
2. Emily Boice, born 17 Nov., 1843; married 6 Sept., 1861, at Salem, N. Y., HENRY ALLEN, born 12 Feb., 1838, son of Henry and Sarah (Brooks) Allen.
3. Minnie Boice, born 13 Feb., 1860; died 10 Jan., 1868.
- 4 ANTEPAST, born 28 July, 1822; died 1 April, 1825.
- 5 LUCINDA L., born 4 April, 1825; married 22 Jan., 1847, at White Creek, N. Y., NATHAN NILES, son of Charles and Susan (Briggs) Niles.

## Children:

1. Noble Niles, born 20 Dec., 1847; married 9 April, 1870, at White Creek, N. Y., PHEBE SHANTEE, born 27 Jan., 1854, daughter of John and Delia (Woodward) Shantee.<sup>3</sup>
  2. Martha Niles, born 2 Aug., 1849.
  3. Emma Niles, born 3 March, 1858. married 31 Oct., 1877, at Bennington, Vt., TRUMAN MALLOY, born 8 Sept., 1852, son of Israel and Julia Ann (Bromley) Malloy.<sup>3</sup>
  4. Eva Niles, born 3 Nov., 1859.
- 6 - 6 ANTEPAST E., born 3 Sept., 1827; married SARAH E. BURGESS.
- 7 - 7 JESSE, born 13 March, 1830; married LOUISE HUDSON.
- 8 - 8 ZIMRI HOWARD, born 13 Feb., 1834; married CLARA ROBERTS.

193K5 STEPHEN (*Jonas, Stephen, Stephen, Richard*), born 10 Nov., 1788 (aged 62 in 1850),<sup>4</sup> at Ludlow, Vt.; died 17 Feb., 1885, aged "97 years";<sup>5</sup> married 19 Dec., 1812, PRISCILLA BARNARD, living 1860, aged 72, "born in New Hampshire." She died, aged 98.<sup>5</sup> He was a farmer at Mt. Holly, Vt.,<sup>4</sup> where he was living in 1877.

<sup>1</sup> Town clerk.

<sup>2</sup> Wallingford records.

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> Census 1850.

<sup>5</sup> Nelson W. Cook of Mt. Holly, who was at the funeral.



Children:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 HENRY H., born 25 Nov., 1814; married 3 Feb., 1840.
- 2 GEORGE B., born 31 May, 1816.
- 3 MARY ANN, born 7 Nov., 1818; married 27 Jan., 1842, at Mt. Holly, JOHN KELLEY.<sup>2</sup>
- 4 EVELINE, born 24 Dec., 1820; died 29 April, 1864; living with parents at Mt. Holly 1850; married 11 Sept., 1855, at Chester, Vt., DANIEL RICE of Dover, Vt.<sup>2</sup>
- 5 SOPHIA M., born 5 Jan., 1823; married 28 Oct., 1845 at Mt. Holly, GEORGE H. BURTON.<sup>2</sup>
- 6 - 6 MARVEL JOHNSON, born 26 Nov., 1825; married ESTHER COMSTOCK; (2) SARAH M. EAMES.
- 7 ORVIL, born 18 Oct., 1827; died 23 June, 1894; married 10 Oct., 1851, MARY E. SPICER, born 9 July, 1831, died 13 March, 1860, daughter of Levi C. and Clarissa K. Marvin.<sup>3</sup> He may be that Orville aged twenty in 1850, born in Vermont, living at Ira, in family of Amos Spring.<sup>3</sup> He had children not given.
- 8 ALDULA, born 18 Oct., 1829; died 7 Sept., 1830.

19471 ASA (*Asa, Nathaniel, Stephen, Richard*), born 5 April, 1758, at Shirley, Mass.; died 24 Jan., 1850, at Langdon, N. H.;<sup>4</sup> married DORCAS SAWTELL or SARTWELL, born 15 April, 1766,<sup>4</sup> at Shirley, died 4 Nov., 1830, at Langdon, daughter of Hezekiah and Margaret (Dodge) Sawtell.<sup>3</sup> [There is an intention of marriage recorded at Shirley 12 June, 1779, between Asa Holden, Jr., and Mary Bolton.]

Children, born at Hancock, N. H.:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 LYDIA, born 19 Nov., 1785; married REV. L. PIERCE of Alstead, N. H., later of Bloomfield, Ill.  
Child:<sup>1</sup>  
1. Lydia Pierce, born 26 Jan., 1820.<sup>3</sup>
- 2 DORCAS, born 6 June, 1787; died in Springfield, Mass.; married 1808, SOLOMON WOODWARD, born 1784, of Springfield, a blacksmith; died in Springfield.<sup>3</sup>  
Children:<sup>3</sup>  
1. Erastus Woodward, married 3 June, 1835, SARAH NOBLE BAKER,<sup>5</sup> born 23 Sept., 1811, daughter of Timothy and Ruth (Strong) Baker.  
2. Nathaniel Woodward.  
3. Solomon Woodward.  
4. Asa Woodward.  
5. Sarah Woodward, married 28 Feb., 1839,<sup>6</sup> ORRIN BAKER.
- 3 ASA, born 11 Dec., 1788; died 1 June, 1795.

<sup>1</sup> Authority of Burton O. Holden, a grandson, who wrote, in 1917, that his grandfather had nineteen children who reached maturity, and three who died in infancy.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* All the children except Sarah are recorded at Hancock. Slight variances are found between the R. W. Holden *Ms.* and F. A. Holden *Ms.* as shown by dates and names in parentheses.

<sup>5</sup> Descendants in *Strong Genealogy*, "2:1498."

<sup>6</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.* gives this as death date.

- 4-4 AARON GRIMES, born 22 Nov., 1790; died 17 (16) Oct., 1874; married LUCY WHITE.
- 5-5 NATHANIEL, born 28 Oct., 1792; married FRANCES S. BUELL; (2) JULIA SHIPMAN.
- 6 SARAH, born 17 June, 1795;<sup>1</sup> married 2 (7) Oct., 1816, SILAS AUGIER of Ackworth, N. H., died 30 Aug., 1866.  
Children, born at Wethersfield, Vt.:<sup>2</sup>
1. Sarah J. Augier, born 15 July, 1817; married BENJAMIN F. WILSON of Troy, N. Y.
  2. Olive Augier, born 12 April, 1819; died 17 March, 1820.
  3. Elmira Augier, born 27 (29) Aug., 1820; married 7 May, 1840, GEORGE W. WARNER.
  4. Silas Augier, born 25 April, 1822; married 15 March, 1848, LAURA ANN STANTON (STOUGHTON).
  5. Samuel W. (N), born 23 June, 1824; married 25 Nov., 1847, HARRIET DECKER.
  6. Asa Holden Augier, born 2 May, 1826; married MALINDA WILLEY.
  7. Rawson Augier, born 10 May, 1828; married HARRIET COLE.
  8. Dorcas Augier, born 17 Aug., 1830; married ALBERT HODSON.
  9. Mary L. (F.) Augier, born 21 Nov., 1832; died 14 Nov., 1833.
  10. Louisa Augier, born 11 July, 1836; died young.
  11. Calista Augier, born 16 Oct., 1838; married JERRY HODSKINS.

Asa Holden was a member of the company commanded by Captain Henry Haskell, Colonel James Prescott's regiment, which marched from Shirley on the Alarm of 19 April, 1775. He returned home on 23 April, and enlisted in the Continental Army 29 April, 1775, for eight months, serving in Captain Robert Longley's company, Colonel Asa Whitcomb's regiment, at Cambridge and Prospect Hill and in the campaign about New York. From the deposition given below of Silvanus Smith, it appears he re-enlisted for one year 1 Jan., 1776, served his time out, and voluntarily remained in the service until March, 1777. This service was in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Perkins, Colonel Little's regiment, but is not recorded with Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls. He next enlisted 15 Aug., 1777, in company commanded by Captain Aaron Jewett, Colonel Samuel Bullard's regiment, and served until 29 Nov., 1777, at Saratoga, taking part in the capture of Burgoyne.<sup>3</sup>

Asa Holden settled at Hancock, N. H., probably at the time of his marriage. The census of 1790 enumerated him there, head of a family of self and three females. He sold land there 1 Oct., 1795,<sup>4</sup> and removed to Langdon where in 1810 he was head of a family consisting of self, two males between sixteen and twenty-six, one

<sup>1</sup> The three youngest children were baptized at Shirley, Aaron and Nathaniel on 26 Feb., 1793, Sally, Sept., 1795 (*Bolton record*).

<sup>2</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> Hillsboro Deeds, 47:29.

<sup>3</sup> Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls.

female between twenty-six and forty-five, and two between sixteen and twenty-six.

He obtained a pension in 1819, and in 1832 was obliged to make a further declaration and file evidence, abstracts of which follow:

Asa Holden of Langdon, N. H., 20 Jan., 1832, made oath that he was aged 74 years the 5 April, 1832, that he enlisted at Cambridge in Captain Benjamin Perkins' company, Little's regiment in 1776, and was discharged near Elizabethtown, N. J. He was a farmer, but unable to labor by reason of a fall some twenty years hence, and had no family, having lost his wife since making former application. In 1820 he gave the name of his wife as Dorcas, aged 54 years, under the care of a physician for many years.

Silvanus Smith, late a major in the United States service, deposed that on 1 Jan., 1776, he was commissioned as lieutenant in Perkins' company 12th Massachusetts line regiment, Colonel Little, and that he enlisted Asa Holden, then of Shirley,<sup>1</sup> and that he served more than a year.

John Kelsey deposed that he was a sergeant in the above company, and that Asa Holden marched from Shirley with him and joined his company at Cambridge, and after "we had served out the eight months' service, I marched with him to New York, and know that he served one full year. When we had completed our year, the Commander-in-Chief addressed us in a manner I can never forget, and requested us to remain in the army six weeks longer. The said Holden and myself, with nearly all the New England forces, did upon the request of General Washington, remain six weeks longer."<sup>2</sup>

Asa Holden in support of the pension application of Sawtell Holden deposed that he was with him at Cambridge in the eight months' service, 1775, and at Saratoga at the capture of Burgoyne in 1777, both having enlisted for three months in 1777. He was then aged 76 years, 14 Jan., 1834.<sup>2</sup>

Aaron G. Holden, of Langdon, 1 Feb., 1832, aged 40 years, son of Asa and Dorcas, deceased, deposed that he supported his parents, who lived in a small tenement of his, and until so feeble that he took them into his own house, where his mother died 4 Nov., 1830, and that Asa Holden now lives with him, and has no property of his own.<sup>2</sup>

19472 PHINEAS (*Asa, Nathaniel, Stephen, Richard*), born 14 July, 1760, at Shirley,<sup>3</sup> Mass.; died 25 Nov., 1814, "in 55th year" *g.s.* at Shirley; married 25 Nov., 1790<sup>3</sup> (1789<sup>4</sup>), MIRIAM LONGLEY, born 24 April, 1767,<sup>3</sup> at Shirley; died 13 July, 1811, "in 45th year" (*g.s.*) at Shirley, daughter of Jonas and Esther (Patterson) Longley.

<sup>1</sup> James Parker in his diary under date of 15 May, 1775 (1776) notes he enlisted Asa Holden for three years.

<sup>2</sup> Pension papers.

<sup>3</sup> Shirley records.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, information from family letters. See also *History of Shirley*.

Children, born at Shirley:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 ALMA ELLERY (ALMYELERY<sup>1</sup>), born 26 Jan., 1792; died 15 Aug., 1879; married 2 March, 1814, at Shirley,<sup>1</sup> CAPTAIN EDWARD TYLER, born 10 Nov., 1776, died 26 Dec., 1823.<sup>2</sup> They lived in Harvard, Mass. She married (2) 2 May, 1826, SAMUEL BACON, who died 23 April, 1868.

Children, born at Harvard Mass.:<sup>2</sup>

1. Alma Ellery Tyler, born 5 Jan., 1815; married 20 Sept., 1849, Dr. JACOB S. EATON.
  2. Susan Tyler, born 30 July, 1816; died 7 March, 1839;<sup>3</sup> married 23 Nov., 1836, LUKE POLLARD, JR.
  3. John Flavel Tyler, born 30 June, 1818; died 8 Feb., 1844.
  4. James Richards Tyler, born 29 May, 1820; living 1877, unmarried.
  5. Harriet Newell Tyler, twin with James; married 5 March, 1845, Dr. SAMUEL B. KELLEY.
  6. Elizabeth Tyler, born 21 June, 1823; married November, 1841, LUKE POLLARD, JR.
  7. Lucia Harlow Bacon, born 31 Jan., 1827; died 26 Dec., 1850.
  8. Samuel Newton Bacon, born 25 Jan., 1829; married 13 Feb., 1855, SARAH E. HARLOW.
  9. Joseph Austin Bacon, born 4 Nov., 1835; married 25 Jan., 1870, CORNELIA CHASE.
- 2 MIRIAM, born 9 Oct., 1793; died 3 May, 1876, at Ayer, Mass.; married 12 Jan., 1814, at Shirley,<sup>2</sup> ELLIS HARLOW, who died 24 July, 1875. Children, born at Shirley and Harvard:<sup>2</sup>
    1. Phinehas Holden Harlow, born 14 Dec., 1814; died 25 Jan., 1883; married 17 April, 1838, NANCY HAPGOOD. Lived at Harvard.
    2. Miriam H. Harlow, born 21 Sept., 1816; married 14 May, 1843, CHRISTOPHER LOREN WILLARD. Lived in Ayer, 1882.
    3. William H. Harlow, born 14 July, 1818; married 1 Jan., 1852,<sup>3</sup> PHEBE K. GEORGE, who died 2 May, 1855; (2) 24 March, 1857, SARAH ROGERS.
    4. Edward E. Harlow, born 17 Oct., 1820; died 31 May, 1858; married 29 April, 1844, CATHERINE W. BOWKER.
    5. Andrew J. Harlow, born 19 April, 1824; married 18 June, 1848, MARTHA HOSMER.
    6. Dorcasina B. Harlow, born 9 April, 1826; died 13 April, 1854; married 10 June, 1853, O. R. WHITING.
  - 3 HENRIETTA, born 18 July, 1796; died 22 Jan., 1882, at Shirley;<sup>4</sup> married 19 (intention 1 Oct., at Shirley) Oct., 1820, DEACON JOHN PARK, of Harvard, who removed to Shirley 1842, and died there 17 July, 1876.<sup>4</sup> Children, born at Harvard:<sup>4</sup>
    1. William Moody Park, born 8 Nov., 1821; married 23 April,

<sup>1</sup> Shirley records.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, information from family letters. See also *History of Shirley*.

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.* See *History of Shirley*.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*



## FIFTH GENERATION

- 1845,<sup>1</sup> JULIA ANN WORCESTER, born 23 April, 1824, daughter of Willard and Elvira (Glazier) Worcester. Lived in Shirley.
2. Mary Ellery Park, born 16 July, 1825; died 23 June, 1858; married 30 April, 1844, FREDERIC FLAGG, died 29 Oct., 1870, at Mt. Pleasant, S. C. Lived in New Ipswich, N. H.
  3. Elvira Longley Park, born 12 Feb., 1828; married 30 Nov., 1848, EPHRAIM C. TAINTER. Lived in Philadelphia and Worcester.
  4. Ann Henrietta Park, born 21 Oct., 1830; died 23 Dec., 1861; married 1 June, 1852, JAMES B. CUTLER.
  5. John Calvin Park, born 28 May, 1833; died 9 Feb., 1854, *s.p.*
  6. Frances Maria Park, born 2 Sept., 1836; married 8 Dec., 1859, SAMUEL F. BOND, who died 27 Jan., 1873. Lived in Worcester.
- 4 - 4 ABEL LONGLEY, born 21 Dec., 1800; died 26 June, 1872; married OLIVE DAVIS.
- 5 - 5 JONAS, born 4 Oct., 1802; married ELIZA HOLDEN.

19473 NATHANIEL (*Asa, Nathaniel, Stephen, Richard*), born 9 July, 1762, at Shirley, Mass.; died 30 Nov., 1842 at Groton "aged 80, esquire" (*g.s.*); married 27 March, 1794,<sup>2</sup> at Shirley, Mass., BETSEY ATHERTON,<sup>3</sup> born 27 Oct., 1762, died 21 Jan., 1829, at Shirley, aged 66 (*g.s.*), daughter of Amos and Lydia (Gould) Atherton. He married, second, 11 Oct., 1831, at Groton, Mass.,<sup>2</sup> MRS. ELIZABETH (HUNT) TUTTLE, widow of Lieutenant Simon Tuttle, Jr., of Acton, Mass. She died 3 April, 1846.<sup>4</sup>

Children, born at Shirley:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 DAUGHTER, born and died 27 April, 1794 (*g.s.*).
  - 2 CALVIN, born 19 July, 1795; died 30 Aug., 1796.<sup>2</sup>
  - 3 BETSEY, born 29 Jan., 1797, baptized 24 Oct., 1799; died 2 April, 1864, at Shirley; married 13 July, 1812, at Shirley,<sup>2</sup> DANIEL DODGE, born 8 Feb., 1793, at Groton, died 19 Aug., 1829, at Shirley.  
Children, born at Shirley:<sup>2</sup>
    1. Harriet Elizabeth Dodge, born 14 Oct., 1812; married 12 Oct., 1857, JAMES HOLDEN (19476-7) of Marietta, Ohio.
    2. Sarah Jane Dodge, born 28 Oct., 1816; died 9 Sept., 1831.
    3. Augusta Louisa Dodge, born 3 April, 1822; married 24 June, 1847, ROBERT SOMERBY.
    4. Frances Eliza Dodge, born 1 Aug., 1828; died 15 Jan., 1829.
- 4 - 4 NATHANIEL, born 21 Jan., 1800; died 1 Oct., 1874; married RHODA M. LONGLEY; (2) CATHERINE LIVERMORE.
- 5 LYDIA, born 9 May, 1802; died 27 April, 1831; married (intention 18 Jan., 1825, at Shirley), SIMON TUTTLE, of Acton, Mass., born 7 Feb., 1793, at Acton, son of Lieutenant Simon and Elizabeth (Hunt) Tuttle. Lydia Holden was Simon Tuttle's third wife.

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*, probably from printed sources.

<sup>2</sup> Shirley *Vital Records*.

<sup>3</sup> Records of the First Church, Charlestown, N. H. Admission to full communion, "1794, Aug., 10: Nathaniel Holden and wife Elizabeth Atherton Holden, members of ye church at Pepperell, dismissed and recommended by said church July 31, 1794."

<sup>4</sup> *Hunt Genealogy*, p. 112. She was mother of Simon Tuttle who married Lydia Holden (19473-5).

## THE HOLDEN GENEALOGY

Children:

1. Joseph Holden Tuttle, born 27 Nov., 1825; died about 1863, at Wallingford, Vt.; married MARY ANN STAFFORD.
2. Eliza Jane Tuttle, born 1828; died 28 Sept. 1850; married MAJOR DEXTER F. PARKER, who died during the Civil War.
- 6 ELIZA, born 27 April, 1804; married 14 Dec., 1831, CAPTAIN JONAS HOLDEN, *q.v.*
- 7-7 ASA WAIT, born 22 April, 1806; died 15 Jan., 1879; married LUCY R. CARLTON.

Nathaniel Holden was known as Esquire Holden.

"Perhaps no man among the residents of Shirley, during the first century of its existence, ever exerted a wiser and wider influence than Mr. Holden, both in public and domestic life. His public popularity was not the gift of a day, nor the effulgence of an hour, but he was a lasting favorite of the public because he proved himself worthy of their favor. His ability to help and guide in the deliberations and operations of his fellow citizens, was amply sustained by the fact that he was so frequently and so long called into their service. He was a Justice of the Peace during a long period. He was a selectman for nineteen years. He was five times elected to represent the town in the state legislature, and that too at a period when to send a representative to the state court was a strange work for a small town; and he was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1821.

"He also maintained a sacred regard for the institutions of religion; was a professor of religion, and received an official appointment in the church, which he did not formally accept, though he discharged the duties belonging to it while he lived. The failure of the present generation to fulfil the example of their fathers, in church observance, is a loss which will eventually be seriously deplored." (Chandler's *History of Shirley*, 473.) He purchased 100 acres in Hancock, N. H., 7 Feb., 1795, bounding on the land of his brother Asa.

19474 EDMUND (*Asa, Nathaniel, Stephen, Richard*), born 9 Nov., 1765, at Shirley, Mass.; died 7 Aug., 1827, at Langdon, N. H.; married 16 Feb., 1796, at Groton,<sup>1</sup> SUKEY (SUSANNA) ROCKWOOD of Groton, Mass., born 27 Sept., 1771, at Groton, died 30 July, 1855, at Charlestown, N. H., daughter of Joseph and Sukey (Rockwood) Rockwood. Edmund Holden was a farmer, and was in the Revolutionary War.

Children, born at Langdon, N. H.:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 AMANDA, born 21 Aug., 1797; died 16 Oct., 1862, at Charlestown, N. H.; married 30 March, 1825, DEACON MOSES PUTNAM, of Charlestown,<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Church records. He is called of Langdon.

<sup>2</sup> *History of Shirley*, 375, 378. Langdon records.

<sup>3</sup> "Deacon Moses Putnam was first selectman for the years 1833, 1834 and 1836, and for many years held the office of 'Deacon' in the Evangelical Congregational Church, the ordinances of which he was always ready to support to the extent of his ability." See *History of Charlestown, N. H.*, pp. 531, 532. Deacon Moses Putnam married (2) 18 April, 1867, Mrs. Esther L. Twitchell.

born 12 Oct., 1796, died 9 Feb., 1872, son of Timothy and Sarah (Hewett) Putnam.

Children, born at Charlestown:

1. Edmund Holden Putnam, born 19 Nov., 1825; died 27 Dec., 1825.
  2. Edmund Holden Putnam, born 29 Aug., 1827; married 22 Feb., 1823, ELIZABETH H. TUTHERLY, born 22 April, 1829.
  3. Malvina A. Putnam, born 20 July, 1829; married 27 April, 1858, HORACE A. CORBIN, born 16 April, 1829, son of Ezbond Corbin. Lived in Union City, Mich.
  4. Janette A. Putnam, born 2 Aug., 1832; married 11 Oct., 1862, OTIS W. BURTON. Lived in Union City.
  5. Harriet R. Putnam, born 8 June, 1838; died 22 Jan., 1860; unmarried.
- 2 SUKEY (SUSA), born 13 April, 1799; died 16 Aug., 1851, at Alstead, N. H.; married 25 Dec., 1823, INGALLS K. DINSMORE of Alstead, N. H.

Children, born at Alstead:

1. Harriet Dinsmore, born 17 Aug., 1825; died 31 May, 1872; married 20 Jan., 1853, HENRY C. HARRINGTON.
  2. Susan Rockwood Dinsmore, born 22 (27) 1827; married 31 Oct., 1855, JAMES F. PUTNAM, born 25 May, 1819, died 9 Feb., 1872, son of Samuel and Eliza (Southard) Putnam.
  3. Catharine W. (A.) Dinsmore, born 12 Aug., 1829; married WILLIAM L. CHEEVER of Alstead.
  4. Edmund Holden Dinsmore, born 25 April, 1831; died 8 Jan., 1832.
  5. Sumner H. Dinsmore, born 24 Nov., 1832; died 28 July, 1833.
  6. Helen M. Dinsmore, born 24 May, 1834; died 13 July, 1866; married 11 Feb., 1863, ORR WALLACE. See 19474.4-5.
  7. Martha S. Dinsmore, born 31 Aug., 1838; married 8 June, 1860, NEHEMIAH S. HARRINGTON, of Alstead; (2) 22 Sept., 1863, HENRY A. FAIRBANKS, of Springfield, Mass.
  8. Alma Dinsmore, born 27 March, 1842; married 1 Nov., 1862, HENRY F. CHANDLER of Alstead.
  9. Emma Dinsmore, born (6) 16 Nov., 1844; married 16 Dec., 1869, HENRY M. HOLDEN (19474-44) of Langdon.
- 3-3 EDMUND, born 28 March, 1802; died 1 May, 1882; married ANNA S. POLAND.
- 4-4 ASA, born 30 March, 1804; died 12 Dec., 1885; married MARY A. EVANS.
- 5-5 JOSEPH ROCKWOOD, born 11 Aug., 1809; died 16 Sept., 1895; married JULIA A. HOWARD.
- 6 SOPHRONIA CURRIER, born 26 June, 1813; died 23 March, 1891;<sup>1</sup> married, 1842, JEDEDIAH RICE of Waukesha, Wis.; (2) EZRA S. PURPLE of Waukesha.

19475 LEVI (*Asa, Nathaniel, Stephen, Richard*), born 25 Dec., 1767, at Shirley, Mass.; died 5 Dec., 1866, at Hawley, Mass.; married

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

16 Sept., 1792 at Langdon, N. H.,<sup>1</sup> LYDIA WARDNER, born on the voyage from Germany to America, died 9 April, 1799. He married second, 1800, MARY LONGLEY, born 2 March, 1773, died 19 Dec., 1839, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Thayer) Longley of Hawley. Levi Holden lived at Langdon until 1807, when he bought a farm in Hawley of Joseph Longley and removed thither,<sup>2</sup> where he lived the remainder of his life.

"He was noted for his steady habits, his courteous bearing, his even temperament, and the placidity of his entire life. He enjoyed a green old age. He lived to see ninety-nine years. He made a profession of religion when he was ninety years of age."<sup>3</sup>

Children, eight eldest born at Langdon, the remainder at Hawley:

- 1 LEVI, born 17 Feb., 1793; died 1 March, 1795.
- 2 ROYAL, born 23 May, 1794; died 6 Dec., 1831, at Dover, Ohio; married 1818, SUSAN SMITH of Hawley. Removed to Dover. Children.
- 3 JONAS, born 1 Sept., 1796; died 10 Sept., 1797.
- 4-4 IRA, born 7 Dec., 1797; married OLIVE LONGLEY.
- 5 LEVI, born 1 April, 1799; died 5 Sept., 1800.

By second marriage:

- 6-6 JOSEPH, born 14 Dec., 1801; married ELECTA WITHERELL.
- 7 LYDIA, born 16 Feb., 1804, at Langdon, N. H.; married 2 June, 1825, GEORGE HOWES of Ashfield; lived at Oak Creek, Wis.  
Children:
  1. Levi Howes.
  2. Mary Howes.
  3. Martha Howes.
  4. Eliza Howe.
  5. George Howes.
  6. Willis Howes.
  7. Naomi Howes.
  8. Lydia Ann Howes.
- 8 ELIZABETH, born 6 Aug., 1805; died 7 Oct., 1835; married Aug., 1825, LEWIS COBB of Ashfield, who died Dec., 1867, *s.p.*
- 9-9 LEVI, born 2 June, 1807; died 1886; married ANNIS JOY, (2) MRS. LUCY S. BENNETT.
- 10 MARY, born 10 June, 1809; died 29 Aug., 1866.
- 11 DOROTHY, born 28 June, 1811; married 29 July, 1832, OTIS WHITMAN, of South Adams, Mass.  
Children, born Adams, Mass.:
  1. Esther Ann Whitman, born 23 Sept., 1834; married 31 Dec., 1853, ASA S. HARRINGTON, of South Adams.
  2. Edwin O. Whitman, born 22 Aug., 1836; married Aug., 1854, ADELINE BURLINGAME of South Adams; lived in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
  3. Levi Whitman, born 24 July, 1838; died 6 Nov., 1838.

<sup>1</sup> N. H. Vital Statistics.

<sup>2</sup> Berkshire Deeds, 23:446.

<sup>3</sup> *History of Shirley*, 479.



4. John J. Whitman, born 6 Oct., 1840; married 1 June, 1864, SARAH VERMELYCA of New York; lived in Adams.
5. Levi Holden Whitman, born 12 Sept., 1843; married 1 Sept., 1861, AMELIA HALL.
6. Mary E. Whitman, born 11 Sept., 1845; died Dec., 1845.
- 12 OLIVE, born 24 Oct., 1812. Lived at Mt. Lebanon, N. Y.
- 13 LUCY, born 30 July, 1814; married HARVEY RUSSELL of North Hadley, Mass., who died 21 Feb., 1872.
- N-14 JONAS, born 30 May, 1816; married CAROLINE JOY, (2) THERA S. KING.

19476 JOSEPH (*Asa, Nathaniel, Stephen, Richard*), born 5 Dec., 1769, at Shirley, Mass.; died 14 Nov., 1863, at Marietta, Ohio; married 8 July, 1807, at Marietta, ELIZA HANAWAY, of Maryland, born 9 Aug., 1781, died 16 Jan., 1846.<sup>1</sup> Joseph Holden was one of the first settlers of the town of Marietta, Ohio. At the seventy-eighth anniversary of its settlement, 7 April, 1866, his portrait was exhibited.<sup>1</sup> Children, born at Marietta:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 - 1 WILLIAM, born 18 March, 1809; died 25 Dec., 1847; married MARY W. DODGE; (2) ISABELLA GREENE.
- 2 ELIZA, born 7 June, 1810; died 7 Oct., 1831.
- 3 JANE, born 12 Nov., 1811; died 5 March, 1813.
- 4 MARIA, born 24 Dec., 1812; died 3 May, 1868; married 24 Dec., 1835, at Marietta, HUGH TREVOR of Loughbrickland, Ireland.  
Children:
  1. Joseph Holden Trevor, born 4 March, 1837; died 5 May, 1838.
  2. Helen Mariette Trevor, born 26 Nov., 1838; died 21 Feb., 1853.
  3. Eliza Holden Trevor, born 8 March, 1841.
  4. Rose Savage Trevor, born 1 Jan., 1843.
  5. Andrew Marcus Trevor, born 21 Oct., 1844.
  6. Edward D'Arcey, born 21 Nov., 1846.
- 5 JULIA, born 20 Dec., 1813; married 5 March, 1839, at Marietta, RUFUS ERASTUS HARTE of Middlebury, Ohio.  
Children:
  1. Gregory Powers Harte, born 1 March, 1840, at Marietta.
  2. Joseph Holden Harte, born 10 Sept., 1841; died 24 Dec., 1842.
  3. William James Harte, born 2 March, 1843.
  4. Anna Eliza Harte, born 28 Nov., 1844; died 28 Nov., 1845.
  5. Maria Trevor Harte, born 30 Sept., 1849.
  6. Julia Holden Harte, born 18 June, 1855; died 1864.
- 6 - 6 JOSEPH, born 20 June, 1815; died 8 July, 1863; married MARY A. DARE.
- 7 JAMES, born 20 Jan., 1817; married 17 April, 1843, HARRIET POTTER ROGERS, of New London, Conn., died 25 Nov., 1855; (2) 12 Oct., 1857, HARRIET ELIZABETH DODGE (19473-31), born 14 Oct., 1812, at Shirley, Mass., daughter of Daniel and Betsy (Holden) Dodge.
- 8 MIRIAM, born 28 March, 1819; died 28 Sept., 1820.
- 9 HARRIET RHODA HALL, born 23 Sept., 1820; died 20 Oct., 1887;<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* See also *History of Shirley, Mass.*

<sup>2</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

married 29 May, 1840, at Marietta, Ohio, WILLIAM WALLACE DODGE, born 25 Oct., 1816, at Marietta, died 27 June 1858, at St. Louis, Mo., son of Oliver Dodge. She resides in St. Louis.

Children:

1. Oliver Holden Dodge, born 23 Jan., 1842.
  2. Mary Eliza Dodge, born 26 Aug., 1847; died young.
  3. William Holden Dodge, born 25 Sept., 1850.
  4. Fanny Holden Dodge, born 15 May, 1852.
  5. Ella Dean Dodge, born 26 Nov., 1854.
  6. Julia Trevor Dodge, born 25 Oct., 1856.
- 10 NATHANIEL, born 27 May, 1824; died 29 Oct., 1824.

19484 SAMUEL<sup>1</sup> (*Jabez, Nathaniel, Stephen, Richard*), born 11 (17) June, 1772, at Groton, Mass.; died 19 March, 1858, at Moose River or Anson, Me.; married 11 Aug. (1 Oct.), 1797, JANE FARNSWORTH, his first cousin, born 7 Dec., 1776, died 15 April, 1813, daughter of Jonas and Jane (Delap) Farnsworth.<sup>2</sup>

Children:

- 1 ALMIRA, born 31 Dec., 1798, at Groton; died 21 May, 1865; married AMBROSE COLBY, and lived at Embden, Me.  
Children, born at Embden:
  1. Jane Holden Colby, born 11 Sept., 1823; married WALTER WALSH.
  2. Philander Moore Colby, born 22 May, 1825; married MARY ANN HOLDEN (19484.2-3).
  3. Almira Ann Colby, born 25 March, 1828.
  4. Jonas Holden Colby, born 5 May, 1833; married CLARISSA CHURCHILL,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Asa and Mary (Holden) Churchill. Children: 1. Emily A. Colby, born 19 June, 1856; married ROBERT KEW. 2. Elmer E. Colby, born 13 June, 1859; married MIRIAM HOLDEN (19484.9-6). 3. Viola M. Colby, born 20 Sept., 1861; married ORIN SAWYER. 4. George B. Colby, born 24 March, 1864; married 3 July, 1892, ANGIE ADAMS. 5. Calvin H. Colby, born 26 July, 1868; married ORA BURWOOD.
  5. Spencer Colby, born 12 April, 1835; married JOSEPHINE CHURCHILL.<sup>3</sup>
  6. Helon Hilton Colby, born 19 Aug., 1837; married NANCY RAY.
- 2-2 MELINTUS, born 24 Jan., 1800; died 7 May, 1877; married JOANNA KELIHER.
- 3 JANE, born 29 March, 1802, at Norridgewock; died 16 Feb., 1842; married 1831, JAMES FELKER, born 1805, at Embden, Me., son of Michael and Betsey (Munson) Felker. They lived at Solon, Me.  
Children:<sup>4</sup>
  1. Augustus Felker, born 1832; married ELEANOR E. COPLAND.

<sup>1</sup> The record of this family was obtained in 1877, from Otis Holden, the youngest child.

<sup>2</sup> Family record.

<sup>3</sup> Sisters, cousins of their husbands.

<sup>4</sup> None of this family were living in 1877. (Letters of Otis Holden.)

2. Ansel Felker, born 1834; married Mrs. E. E. (COPLAND) FELKER, his sister-in-law.
3. Ellen Felker, born 1836.
4. George W. Felker, born 1838.
5. Samuel Holden Felker, born 1842.
- 4 SAMUEL, born 29 Jan., 1804; died aged 19 years, at Anson ("died in third year").<sup>1</sup>
- 5 JONAS FARNSWORTH, born 14 April, 1806, at Norridgewock. He was in business in Canada. He disappeared prior to July, 1838<sup>2</sup>, after visiting Quebec to collect money due him. He was unmarried at this time. His brother Otis thought he was murdered; married ALICE BRADSHAW.<sup>1</sup>
- 6 SARAH, born 30 April, 1808; died 28 April, 1852; married at Moose River, JOHN MOORE.  
Children:
  1. Seth Moore, born 29 Aug., 1827; married LYDIA J. NEWTON.
  2. Otis Moore, born 20 Sept., 1829; died.
  3. Mary Moore, born 15 March, 1833; married JOSEPH WHITNEY.
  4. Jane Moore, born 16 July, 1835; married MOSES THOMPSON.
  5. Ellen Moore, born 23 Nov., 1837; married LINCOLN BAKER.
  6. John Moore, born 6 June, 1839; married MARY ANN MOORE.
  7. Almira Moore, born 4 Sept., 1843; married THOMAS BROWN.
  8. Aaron Moore, born 9 July, 1845; married SAMANDY MESSER.
  9. Amelia Ann, born 31 Oct., 1847; married AMON BAKER.
  10. Caroline Moore, born 13 Dec., 1849; died.
  11. Abel Moore, born 1 Oct., 1851; married IZANAH BAKER.
- 7 LORINDA, born 8 Sept., 1811, at Norridgewock; died 6 March, 1897;<sup>1</sup> married GALEN NEWTON, born in Dixfield, Me. They lived at Moose River. Mrs. Newton was living 1877, a widow, at Moose River. She married (2) WILLIAM RAY.<sup>1</sup>  
Children:
  1. Lovina Newton, born 5 April, 1832; married PATRICK MCKINNEY.
  2. Lydia J. Newton, born 18 Feb., 1834; married SETH MOORE.
  3. Otis Newton, born 13 April, 1836; married ELLEN FOSS.
  4. Philander Newton, born 11 June, 1839; married MARY E. WILLIAMS.
  5. Amon Newton, born 12 Feb., 1842; married ELVIRA HOLDEN.
  6. Isaac Newton, born 19 March, 1844; married ROSEETA NICCOLS.
  7. Joseph Newton, born 9 May, 1846.
  8. Cyrus Newton, born 29 May, 1849.
  9. Rosannah, born 19 Aug., 1853.
  10. Orilla Newton, born 20 Dec., 1856.
- 8 MARY, born 29 Jan., 1813; died 1878, at Danton,<sup>1</sup> Mich.; married Asa CHURCHILL, son of Daniel Churchill of Moose River; (2) JOHN DOYLE.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Family record.<sup>2</sup> Family letters.

## Children:

1. Josephine Churchill, born 18 March, 1832; married SPENCER COLBY.
  2. Clarissa Churchill, born 28 March, 1834; married JONAS HOLDEN COLBY, her cousin. See p. 334
  3. John Churchill, born 6 June, 1836.
  4. Harriet Churchill, born 10 Oct., 1838; died.
  5. Harrison Churchill, born 2 May, 1840.
  6. Horatio Churchill, born 1 April, 1842; married MELINDA KELIHER.
  7. Hartwell Churchill, born 2 Feb., 1844; married LYDIA PRATT.
  8. Asa Churchill, born 3 June, 1846; died.
- 9-9 SAMUEL, born 13 April, 1815; died 15 Nov., 1884;<sup>1</sup> married ANNIS HUGHEY.
- 10 LOVINA, born 15 March, 1817; died aged nineteen months.
- K-11 JAMES DELAP OTIS, born 21 March, 1819, at Anson; died 7 March 1892; married, 16 Feb., 1842, ELLA (ELIZA J.<sup>1</sup>) HUGHES; (2) 21 Dec. 1848, MARGARET RAY; (3) 6 Sept., 1864, HANNAH RAY of Solon, Me.

"Captain Holden and his wife went to Moose River in the cold of winter to settle in an unbroken wilderness, in an uninhabited country. With a nerve that can only be found in such noble men and women as Captain Holden and wife, about the middle of March, 1820, they left "Old Norridgewock" to go to a land not inhabited. In fact there were but few settlers north of Norridgewock at that time and no road north of Caratunk or "The Great Carrying Place," where Arnold left the Kennebec River and carried across to Dead River a distance of about fifteen miles on his memorable march to the great city of Quebec.

"From Caratunk to Moose River a distance of about forty miles there was no road through a pathless and dense forest and the way was traced by spotted trees and at that season of the year, this part of the journey had to be made on snowshoes.

"This was quite a bridal tour for the newly married couple, and they advertised in the 'Carraunk Journal' that they would be at home at Moose River after they got their cabin built. Mrs. Holden the next year, planted a garden in the little clearing that her husband had made the previous year around their nice, warm and pleasant log cabin, for Mrs. Holden was a bride that knew how to make home happy. Mrs. Holden was a gifted woman with wit and telling stories in a funny manner to cheer up a lonely hour." — *Judge S. H. Whitney, in the "Reporter" March, 1920.*

Samuel Holden was of Norridgewock, Me., in 1800. He had the title of "Captain." In 1877, a mail stage reached the settlement thrice a week, and along the road for twenty miles were two hundred

<sup>1</sup> Family record.



inhabitants. The house erected in 1829 is still standing. Later he lived at Anson, Me.

The following letters<sup>1</sup> from Samuel and Jane Holden illustrate the difficulties met with by settlers in the early part of the last century:

Moose River, June 5, 1820.

*Dear Sister and Brother:*

I take this opportunity to write to you to let you know of our health which is very good at present, through Almighty goodness, and while he is lifting up with one hand he is pulling down with the other. We moved to Moose River last March, fifty-three miles from any inhabitant, and lived very comfortably till the first day of May, when our house took fire and was consumed with all its contents and left us destitute of provisions or anything else. I lost all my bedding and am obliged to lie on the ground in a very poor camp. Now if you have any feeling of charity for a destitute sister, I wish you to send me something, you and the rest of my aunts and cousins. If they feel spirited, please to send me some salt if nothing else. Send it to John Evelith of Augusta to send me a letter directed to Moose River, to be left at Anson post office. The fire burnt up ten acres of winter rye. Our loss is about one thousand dollars. I have worked out doors thirty-six days, not having any thing to do. This from your distressed sister and brother, Samuel and Jane Holden.

To Amos Otis,<sup>2</sup> Barnstable, Mass. The postage, 18¾ cents.

Moose River, Dec. 20, 1825.

*Dear Brother and Sisters:*

It is with the greatest satisfaction I now sit down to write to you to inform you of our health which is very good. I have no news to write; we have had a very dry season, the winter is mild there is no snow. I have had eleven children, two is dead. The old lady<sup>3</sup> is yet alive and lives with us. Almira and Melintus are married. Almira has two children, Melintus one. Jane is teaching school. We have moved to Moose River on the Canada road that leads from Boston to Quebeck. I wish to hear from you as I have not heard from you this six or seven years. I heard from Greenville. I saw a man that came from there last April. He saw Uncle James Delap's<sup>4</sup> people, my cousin James Delap is doing very well. We live twenty-seven miles from any neighbors, fourteen miles from the Canada line.

Dear friends, I want to see you all. I have expected to see James here before now. I wish you to send me a letter as soon as you receive this. This from your brother and sister,

Samuel and Jane Holden.

<sup>1</sup> From the *Independent Reporter*, vol. 81. (1920?).

<sup>2</sup> Amos Otis, born 1768, married Nancy Farnsworth, and (2) Sally Farnsworth.

<sup>3</sup> Mrs. Rachel, widow of Captain Jabez Holden.

<sup>4</sup> James Delap, brother to mother of Mrs. Jane Holden. According to family tradition his father, James, came from England, 1729, and settled at Barnstable.

*Honored Mother:*

I now take my pen in hand to inform you of my health which is good, through Divine goodness which is the greatest blessing we can enjoy. I long to see you if alive but the distance of the way prevents. This from your children, with due respect,

Samuel and Jane Holden.

The children send their love to their unknown grandmother. Give our respects to Uncle Amos Farnsworth's<sup>1</sup> family.

To Thomas Farnsworth, Groton, Mass.

Moose River, March 29, 1829.

*Dear Brother and Sister:*

I take my pen in hand to inform you of our health which is very good through the Divine goodness of God, and as these lines leave us we hope they will find you, although we live far distance in the woods, forty miles from neighbors. We have a good road that leads from Boston to Quebec; there is about one hundred men agoing to work on the road this summer. It has been very severe, the snow is five feet deep. Your grandmother died the twenty-sixth of January, aged ninety-one years.<sup>2</sup> Melintus and Almira is married. Melintus has had four children, one is dead. Almira has had six, two is dead. Although we live in the woods we have a great deal of company. We have not had a letter from you these eight or ten years; we live in comfortable circumstances. I heard of the death of my mother transiently. The children send their respects to you all. Please to send me a letter, send it to Moose River on the Canada road. We have a plenty of moose meat at this season of the year. This from your brother and sister,

Samuel and Jane Holden.

*Dear Uncle and Aunt:*

Our respects to you. We are all in good health. I would inform you of the death of your sister. She died the twenty-sixth of January, she died sitting in her chair. This from your friends,

Samuel and Jane Holden.

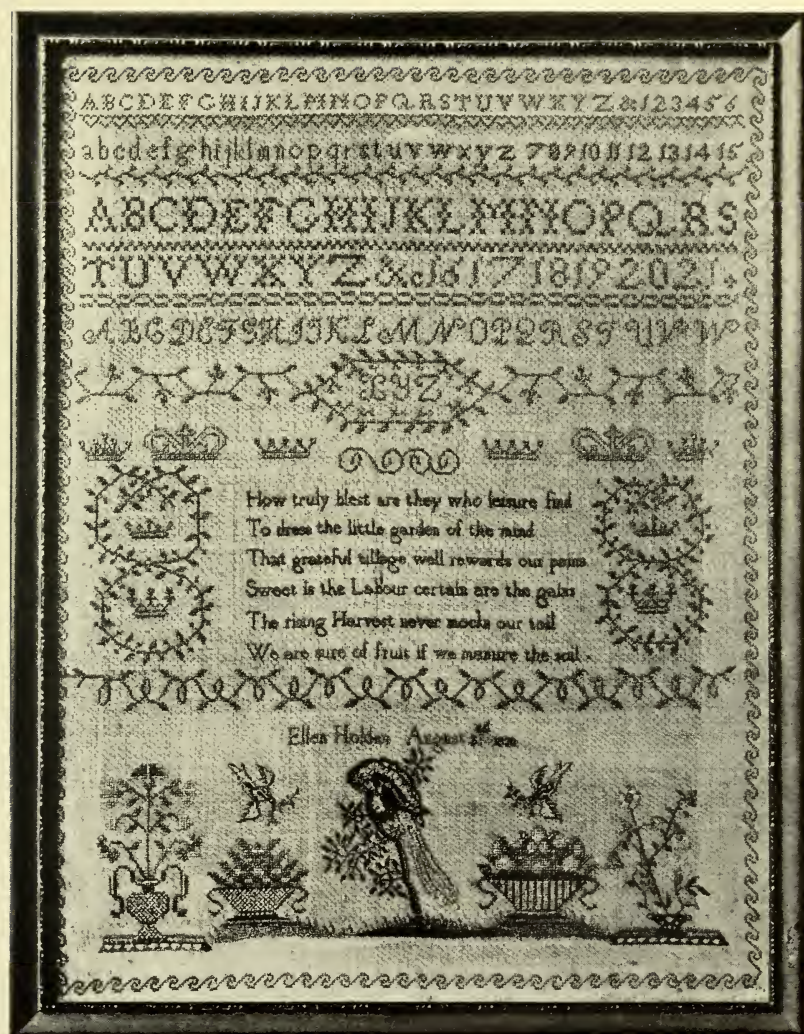
I forgot to tell you that Sally was married and has one child. N. B. To be left in Bingham post office.

Addressed to Thomas Farnsworth, Groton, Massachusetts. (Postage 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  cents.)

19485 BENJAMIN (*Jabez, Nathaniel, Stephen, Richard*), born 8 June, 1775, at Groton, Mass.; died about 1845 but prior to April 13

<sup>1</sup> Major Amos Farnsworth, who lived between Page's Bridge and Groton School.

<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Rachel, widow of Captain Jabez Holden.



SAMPLER WORKED BY ELLEN HOLDEN (Unidentified)

In possession of Mrs. Roberta (Holden) Bole





of that year at Harford, N. Y.;<sup>1</sup> married 29 Nov., 1797, EMMA FARWELL of Boston.<sup>2</sup>

He removed to Cortland County, N. Y., before 1819, having previously lived in Oneida County, N. Y., whither he removed from Norridgewock, Me.<sup>2</sup> He does not appear in the 1810 Census of New York.

His sister, Mrs. Rachel Burgess, who lived in Harford, N. Y., wrote her brother, Samuel Holden in 1840, that their brother Benjamin had twelve children, and that she saw him frequently, and 13 April, 1845, she wrote that sister Holden had living with her her son Benjamin.<sup>3</sup>

Children<sup>4</sup> (all but Sally were married prior to Nov., 1840; probably one of the daughters had married Joseph Hackett<sup>5</sup>):

1 MATILDA.

2-2 WALTER, born 10 Nov., 1803 at Norridgewock; died 4 June, 1883; married RELIEF TANNER.

3 RACHEL.

4 EMMA.

5 LUCY.

6 BENJAMIN, living April, 1845, at Harford.

7 HIRAM.

8 BETSEY.

9 PAMELIA.

10 OSCAR.

11 JOHN

12 SALLY, a school child in Nov., 1841.

19624 NATHANIEL (*William, William, Stephen, Richard*), born 15 Aug., 1753,<sup>4</sup> at Groton, Mass.; died 21 July, 1841,<sup>4</sup> at Barre, Vt.; married 11 June, 1778, at Charlestown, N. H.,<sup>5</sup> LETTICE GROUT, born 3 May, 1763, at Lunenburg, Mass., died 7 Nov., 1812, at Chester, Vt., daughter of Elijah and Mary (Willard) Grout.<sup>6</sup> He married second, 25 Aug., 1814,<sup>7</sup> at Springfield, HANNAH PARKER, born 1783, who in 1853 was living at West Newbury,<sup>6</sup> Mass., aged seventy years.<sup>7</sup>

Children, three eldest born at Charlestown, N. H., others at Springfield, Vt.:<sup>6</sup>

1-1 JOSIAH, born 6 Sept., 1778; died 1 Sept., 1831; married BETSEY LELAND.

2 PATTY, born 17 Jan., 1780; died 26 May, 1783.<sup>8</sup>

3 XERXES, born 26 April, 1781; died young. He and his sister Patty lost their lives in a burning barn.

<sup>1</sup> Information of Mrs. Samuel N. Holden, March, 1912.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, who had the aid of James O. D. Holden about 1877 in obtaining information regarding this group of families.

<sup>3</sup> Letter of Mrs. Burgess, Nov. 20, 1841, to Samuel Holden 19484. Several family letters are in possession of Mrs. Lucinda Campbell.

<sup>4</sup> Statement of Elijah Holden, a son, 1867, and James Henry Holden, a grandson, October, 1876.

<sup>5</sup> Town records.

<sup>6</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* See also *History of Charlestown, N. H.*

<sup>7</sup> Pension papers.

<sup>8</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*, perhaps from *History of Waitsfield, Vt.*

- 4 - 4 ZOPHAR, born 26 March, 1783; died 19 May, 1853; married JERUSHA HARRIS.
- 5 BETSEY, born 8 Oct., 1784; died 27 Oct., 1827; married WHITFORD GILL. Descendants were living about 1876 in Henderson, N. Y.<sup>1</sup>  
Children:  
1. Daniel R. Gill.  
2. John O. Gill.  
3. William Gill.
- 6 POLLY, born 8 July, 1786; died 7 June, 1794.
- 7 - 7 ELIJAH, born 3 July, 1788; died 31 Aug., 1876; married ORPHA STEELE.
- 8 JAMES, born 27 June, 1790; died 4 Feb., 1812, *s.p.*
- 9 SOPHIA, born 11 Aug., 1792; died *s.p.*; married SAMUEL STEELE.
- 10 CATHERINE, born 5 Dec., 1794; died 18 Aug., 1832;<sup>2</sup> married JEDUTHAN HASKINS.  
Children:  
1. Augustus Haskins.  
2. Mary Haskins.  
3. Curtis Haskins.  
4. Lucy Haskins.
- 11 MATILDA, born 9 Dec., 1796; married THEOPHILUS CUSHMAN, born 20 March, 1796, died 1852, *s.p.*, son of Clark and Katherine (Grout) Cushman; a merchant at Hardwick, Vt.
- 12 MARY, born 13 Oct., 1803; died 5 May, 1841,<sup>2</sup> unmarried.

Nathaniel Holden served in the army during the Revolution, from Charlestown, N. H. He removed to Springfield, and was on the roll of freemen there 11 March, 1794. He died at the house of his son, Elijah at Barre,<sup>3</sup> whither in 1836 he had recently removed, and was at that time almost blind.<sup>4</sup>

Nathaniel Holden, a resident of Springfield, Vt., 18 Sept., 1832, aged seventy-nine years, made the following declaration:<sup>4</sup>

In January, 1776, he thinks about the twentieth, then living in Charlestown, N. H., he enlisted into Captain Samuel Wetherbee's company, Jotham White, lieutenant, to go to Canada for four months; the company marched immediately to Quebeck, where they were stationed until 6 May, 1776, when said company and he thinks the regiment, commanded by Colonel Warner, was ordered South; they marched as far as St. Johns, where they stopped a few days. Your applicant thinks they left the regiment at St. Johns, and returned home to Charlestown about the last of May or first of June.

Levi Putnam now living in Charlestown, served with him and his affidavit to the above service is hereto attached, which is the only one now living within your deponent's knowledge, who did serve with him.

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* See also *History of Charlestown N. H.*

<sup>2</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*, perhaps from *History of Wailsfield, Vt.*

<sup>3</sup> Statement of Elijah Holden, a son, 1867, and James Henry Holden, a grandson, October, 1876.

<sup>4</sup> Pension papers.

He further stated that the last of June or forepart of July, 1776, he served as a substitute for Elijah Grout for five months in Captain Samuel Wetherbee's company. He thinks John Kilburn and Davis Howlett were lieutenants, and Lemuel Hubbard, ensign; said regiment was commanded by Colonel Wyman, then of Keene, N. H. He was marched to Ticonderoga, N. Y., and was stationed there and at Mt. Independence during the whole time of his service. He thinks sometime in October, being unwell, he left a few days before his time was out. Lemuel Hubbard who served with him is the only evidence he has of this last service, whose affidavit is hereto attached.

He further stated that the last of June or forepart of July, 1777, he again enlisted into Captain Abel Walker's company and Colonel Benjamin Bellow's regiment, and immediately marched to Ticonderoga where he was stationed until the British took the place; soon after the company was dismissed and returned home. The only person living within his recollection is Nathan Allen, who served with him, and his affidavit is hereto attached.

He further stated: he was born in Groton, Mass., Aug 15, 1753. He lived in Charlestown, N. H., when he was called into service, three miles from where he now lives in Springfield, Vt., and has ever since he left Charlestown in 1785, according to his best recollection. He thinks General Arnold commanded at Quebec; General Gates at Ticonderoga. He has no written discharge, and does not recollect of ever having any.

The following receipts are printed in the history of Charlestown:

"Nathaniel Holden was one of 20 men, May 25, 1778, at Charlestown, N. H., who signed a paper saying, 'this is to certify that we have received eight shillings for going to Ticonderoga.'"

"Nathaniel Holden and 8 other men, Feb. 10, 1780, at Charlestown, N. H., signed the following, 'received of Captain Abel Walker, each of us, one firearm and one pound of lead.'"

1627 WILLIAM (*William, William, Stephen, Richard*), born 29 Oct., 1764, at Charlestown, N. H.; died 3 March, 1813, at Middlesex, Vt.; married 30 Dec., 1790, at Springfield, Vt., HANNAH PARKER, born 15 March, 1752, at Dartmouth, Mass., died 12 June, 1834, at Middlesex, daughter of Jeremiah<sup>1</sup> and Lucretia Parker.

Children, born at Middlesex, except the eldest:

- 1 - 1 HORACE, born 13 July, 1791, at Springfield;<sup>2</sup> died 31 July, 1865; married MERCY CHAMBERLAIN; (2) BETSEY HOLMES.
- 2 PARKER, born 17 Feb., 1793;<sup>2</sup> died 8 March, 1793.<sup>2</sup>
- 3 - 3 WILLIAM XERXES (*Xerxes W.*), born 17 March, 1794; died 2 June, 1862; married ELIZA McELROY.

<sup>1</sup> Jeremiah Parker, a Quaker, lived to be nearly a hundred years of age. (F. A. Holden *Ms.*, whence this family record was taken.)

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex, Vermont, records.

- 4 JANE, born 22 May, 1796; died young.
- 5 CATY, born 12 March, 1798; died prior to 1877; married 6 March 1817, at Middlesex, JOSEPH CHAPIN, JR.,<sup>1</sup> who was not living in 1877.<sup>2</sup>  
Children:  
1. William Chapin, living 1877.  
Three daughters, living 1877.
- 6-6 MOSES, born 14 July, 1799; died May, 1878; married HANNAH M. M. JOHNSON.
- 7 NANCY, born 28 July, 1801; married 10 Aug., 1820,<sup>1</sup> LUTHER FARRAR.  
Children, who as well as the parents, were deceased in 1877.<sup>2</sup>
- 8 POLLY, born 18 Aug., 1804; married 10 April, 1823, at Middlesex,<sup>1</sup> LEWIS McELROY; both deceased in 1877.<sup>2</sup>  
Children (two sons, four daughters, living 1877<sup>3</sup>):  
1. Margaret McElroy, married —— HILLS.  
2. Daughter.  
3. ? Lewis McElroy.<sup>3</sup>  
4. ? Charles McElroy.<sup>3</sup>  
5. Daughter.  
6. Daughter.  
7. ? Frederick McElroy.<sup>3</sup>
- 9 LUCRETIA JANE, born 21 Aug., 1808; not living 1877; married 18 Oct., 1837,<sup>1</sup> JOHN S. RICE. No children.
- 10 LUCINDA HANNAH, born 10 Feb., 1811; living 1877; married 29 Apr. 1838, ELISHA SCOTT. Two children, son and daughter living 1877.<sup>2</sup>
- K-11 PHILANDER, born 27 April, 1812; died 16 Jan., 1890; married ELIZABETH B. SHAW; (2) MARY E. JAMESON.

In 1810 William Holden was living at Middlesex, head of a family of self, one male between ten and sixteen, two between sixteen and twenty-six, three females under ten, one under sixteen, and one between twenty-six and forty-five.

In January, 1867, James Henry Holden wrote to F. A. Holden: "The descendants of my grandfather's brother, William Holden, have been for many years closely identified with the interests of this town. Horace held the office of town clerk for thirty-two years in succession; a son of his now holds that office. The whole family, the male portion, were prominent public-spirited citizens holding in rotation nearly all the offices within the gift of our citizens."

19631 JOSHUA (*Joshua, William, Stephen, Richard*), born 28 Oct., 1765, at Ashburnham; died probably in Vermont; married 3 Feb., 1795, at Ashburnham, when he is called junior, LYDIA PARKER.

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex, Vermont, records.

<sup>2</sup> Information of Philander Holden.

<sup>3</sup> Lewis, aged 20, Charles, aged 15, and Frederick McElroy, aged 11, were enumerated as members of the family of William X. Holden, whose wife was Eliza McElroy — probably her nephews? One of Polly Holden's sons lived at Taunton. (F. A. Holden *Mss.*)



Children,<sup>1</sup> born at Middlesex, Vt.:

- 1 BETSY, born 2 Nov., 1795.
- 2 LUCIE PARKER, born 13 Dec., 1797; probably died soon — see enumeration in census of 1810.
- 3 LUCINDA, twin with Lucie.  
? DAUGHTER.  
? SONS, five in number.

Joshua Holden is stated to have lived at Weston, Vt., as well as at Middlesex, where the record of birth of the three children given above is found. In 1810 he was enumerated at Bethel, Vt., which is between Weston and Middlesex, and where at that time his brother Reuben was living, as well as Thomas and Ezra Holden. He then was head of a family consisting of self, given as aged between twenty-six and forty-five, a woman of like age, and another over forty-five years (perhaps his wife's mother), one female between sixteen and twenty-six, one female and two males between ten and sixteen years, one female and three males under ten years.

19633 REUBEN (*Joshua, William, Stephen, Richard*), born 13 Sept., 1770, at Ashburnham;<sup>2</sup> died 4 April, 1799, at Ashburnham, of consumption;<sup>2</sup> married 7 Nov., 1796, at Royalston<sup>2</sup> (intention 1 Oct., 1796, at Ashburnham),<sup>2</sup> HANNAH NICHOLS, of Royalston, born in 1776, in Massachusetts.<sup>3</sup> She married, second, Peter Blanchard. They were living in 1850 at Weston, Vt., with Ivers Holden.<sup>3</sup> Family tradition asserts that Ivers was an only child and that his mother married Peter Blanchard.<sup>4</sup>

Administration on his estate was granted 10 April, 1799, to widow Hannah, who gave as sureties William Nichols and Robert Nichols; the bond being witnessed by William and Mary Nichols. There was no real estate. The small personal estate included a note of Joshua Holden.

Child:

1 - 1 IVERS, born 27 Nov., 1797, at Ashburnham;<sup>2</sup> married REBECCA CRAGIN.

19651 RICHARD (*Richard, William, Stephen, Richard*), born 1 Sept., 1758, at Harvard, Mass.; died about 1820, at Waterbury, Vt.; married RUTH GLIDDEN, born 1766, died 6 April, 1840, at Charlotte, N. Y., aged 74 (*g.s.*), daughter of Richard and Abigail (Hubbard) Glidden, and sister to the wife of his brother Timothy.

<sup>1</sup> It would appear that there were several sons in this family. In the town of Rochester, near Bethel, there lived a family of Holdens whose record has not been obtained. None of the name were enumerated there in 1810, 1850 or 1860. James I. Holden of Rochester was married 12 Aug., 1853, at Bethel to Clarissa Cram of Bethel. Rosetta E. Holden of Rochester was married there 1 Jan., 1839, to Moses Durkee of Stockbridge. There were Holdens in several towns in the corner of Windsor County, not all of whom have been satisfactorily identified.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>4</sup> Letter of Mrs. Charles L. Holden of Bangor, 1921.

<sup>3</sup> Vermont Census, 1850.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 GUY, died prior to 1866. He is said to have removed to Canada, and also it appears that either he or his wife, Fannie, died at Middlebury, Vt., about 1816. He is not listed in 1810 as head of a family. He married ——— ARMSTRONG; (2) FANNIE.
- 2-2 GILES HUBBARD, born 1 June, 1788; died prior to 1866; married SUSAN BENNETT.
- 3-3 RICHARD, born 1795; died 28 Nov., 1855; married MARIA SAGE.
- 4 DAVID SOLOMON, born 1810; died 2 May, 1866, at Charlotte, unmarried.
- 5 HIRAM, died unmarried.
- 6 POLLY, died prior to 1866; married GILES MARSHALL.
- 7 SOPHIA, born at Waterbury; died *s.p.* in Michigan; married HENRY WISWALL.
- 8 ADELINE, in 1866 living at Niagara Falls; married DAVID CLARK, a farmer in Niagara County, N. Y.  
Children:
  1. Caroline Clark.
  2. Ruth Clark.
  3. Mary Clark.
- 9 BELINDA, born at Waterbury; died 16 Aug., 1854, at Charlotte, N. Y., aged 50; married STEPHEN MARSHALL.  
Children:
  1. Adeline Ruth Marshall, married WILLIAM SEDGWICK.
  2. Harriet Marshall, married STEPHEN SEDGWICK, brother to William Sedgwick.
  3. Frederic Marshall, born July, 1831; died 22 June, 1843, at Charlotte.
- 10 CHARLOTTE, who appears to have died 2 May, 1866, aged fifty-six, unmarried.
- 11 FANNY, born at Waterbury.

Richard Holden was a member of the company commanded by Captain Abel Walker, which marched from Charlestown, N. H., to Ticonderoga on the Alarm of May, 1777, and served from 7 May to 21 June.<sup>2</sup> In 1780, he was a member of company commanded by Captain Ephraim Stone, and was in Colonel Bedell's regiment in the Canada expedition. On the 8 April, 1782, he appears as sergeant in Stone's company.

In 1784 he was about Groton, Mass., and 10 November, that year, Nathan Corey of Groton, sold him and his partners "all gold, silver, and other mines, metals, or minerals on his homestead in the north part of Groton," reserving to himself one-sixth part of all that was mined and the right to carry on one-fifteenth part in partnership with the others, according to the regulations adopted by the major part of the partners.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The record of this family is from the F. A. and R. W. Holden *Mss.*, both being incomplete. Polly is omitted by F. A. Holden.

<sup>2</sup> *History of Charlestown, N. H.*

<sup>3</sup> Middlesex Deeds, 91:328.

Nothing came of this mining venture, in which Holden appears to have adventured fifty pounds. In the northern part of Groton there is a limited area in which is found bog iron, and various attempts were made to mine it, undoubtedly there also existing the belief that silver could be found in that vicinity.

The census of 1790 enumerated Richard Holden at Waterbury, Vt., having then in his family two males under sixteen and three females. In 1814 he was one of the selectmen of Charlestown, and not long after removed to Perington, N. Y., and later to Charlotte. In 1812 there was a Richard Holden in Windsor, Vt.

19652 CAPTAIN TIMOTHY (*Richard, William, Stephen, Richard*), born 12 July, 1760, at Harvard, Mass.; died 9 Aug., 1833,<sup>1</sup> at Charlestown, N. H., aged 73 years (*g.s.*); married 3 May, 1790, at Charlestown; HANNAH GLIDDEN, born 2 June, 1770, died 11 July, 1800,<sup>2</sup> daughter of Richard and Abigail (Hubbard) Glidden. Her gravestone reads, "A kind wife, a friend sincere, A mother of five lies buried here." He married, second, 28 Feb., 1802, MARY PAGE, of Hopkinton, Vt., born 11 Nov., 1776, died 22 March, 1816, at Charlestown,<sup>1</sup> aged 39 years, 4 months, 11 days (*g.s.*). He married, third, 22 Sept. 1816, at Charlestown<sup>2</sup> MRS. KATHERINE (Humphrey) HUBBARD, born 17 Dec., 1777, died 1875, aged 98 years,<sup>3</sup> born at Goshen, N. H., widow of Jonathan Hubbard.<sup>3</sup>

Children,<sup>3</sup> born at Charlestown, N. H.:

- 1 TRYPHENA, born 19 Jan., 1791; died 7 April, 1868, at Clinton, Ill.;<sup>1</sup> married in 1810, at Charlestown, JONAS HINDS, born 25 Feb., 1795, at Barre, Mass., died 24 July, 1864, at Clinton. They lived at Derby, Vt., Stanstead, Canada, and Clinton, Ill.

Children:

1. Hannah Hinds, born 26 June, 1812, at Charlestown; married in 1845, ELBERT HALL. They lived at Earlville, Ill.
2. Lewis H. Hinds, born 15 July, 1814, at Charlestown; died Feb., 1855, at Clinton, *s.p.*; married in 1852, CAROLINE WHITE.
3. Cynthia Hinds, born 5 June, 1824, at Stanstead; married in 1852, GEORGE HARLOW.
4. Timothy Holden Hinds, born 18 June, 1826, at Stanstead.
5. Henry B. Hinds, born 8 July, 1832, at Derby; died 9 Jan., 1862, *s.p.*, at Adams, N. Y.
6. Susan Hinds, born 29 May, 1835; died 4 March, 1849, at Adams.

<sup>1</sup> Statement of James L. Holden, a grandson.

<sup>2</sup> Town records, where births of children by first marriage are found.

<sup>3</sup> The record of this family is taken from the F. A. Holden *Ms.*, with additions from the R. W. Holden *Ms.* In 1867 Richard Holden, the eighth child, sent a family record to F. A. Holden, and in 1858 the latter visited Charlestown and copied the gravestones there, whence came the death dates and birth dates of such as were there buried. In 1917 William L. Holden of Aurora, Ill., son of Richard and grandson of Timothy Holden, possessed a record of his family made by Timothy Holden himself, and sent a copy to R. W. Holden, which was compared with the above.

- 2-2 JOHN TEMPLE, born 17 Jan., 1793; died in 1831, drowned in Upper Canada; married ABIGAIL PUTNAM.
- 3 ABIGAIL, born 4 Jan., 1795; died 27 April, 1875; married in 1816, CHARLES K. WHITE, born in 1801, died in 1821; (2) ABNER WHICHER who died 14 Nov., 1852.
- Children:
1. Harriet White, born 23 Feb., 1821; married EDMUND SANBORN of Colton, N. Y.
  2. Jane Whicher, married 1 Sept., 1858, STEPHEN M. GLIDDEN.
  3. Lidana Whicher, born 17 July, 1830; married 12 May, 1856, SHUBAEL D. TODD. Lived in Minneapolis, Minn.
- 4 LEWIS, born 1 Jan., 1797; died 11 Dec., 1814.
- 5 CLOTILDA CLINTON, born 1 Aug., 1798; died 9 Sept., 1802.

By second marriage:

- 6 CAROLINE, born 10 Dec., 1802; died 31 Jan., 1858; married SAMUEL MCCREA, of Charlestown, a farmer.
- Children:
1. Martha E. McCrea, born 21 Oct., 1828; died 30 July, 1849.
  2. Caroline Holden McCrea, born 2 April, 1830; died 4 March, 1837.
  3. Sarah Sophia McCrea, born 31 July, 1832; married 29 Nov., 1852, SAMUEL L. STONE, of Worcester, Mass.
  4. Samuel G. McCrea, born 16 Jan., 1834; died 9 April, 1860.
  5. William H. McCrea, born 20 Sept., 1838.
  6. Helen L. McCrea, born 27 Nov., 1840; married 1 March, 1869, JOHN D. PADDOCK, of Malvern, Ill.
  7. Caroline M. McCrea, born 22 Aug., 1844; married 5 March, 1879, JAMES L. WOGAN.
- 7 ADALINE, born 13 Nov., 1804; died 5 Aug., 1807.
- 8-8 RICHARD, born 14 (21) March, 1807; died 28 March, 1891; married SOPHIA ALLEN.
- 9 WILLARD G., born 17 Aug., 1809; died 23 Feb., 1829.
- 10 SARAH PAGE, born 16 May, 1812; died 23 Dec., 1872; married 4 March, 1833, at Charlestown, A. GRANVILLE MCINTYRE of Springfield, Vt., died in 1837; (2) 9 Dec., 1844, NATHAN BRUSH HULL, born 2 Oct., 1824, died in 1889, son of Ephraim C. and Louisa (Graves) Hull. They lived in Charlestown.
- Children:
1. Richard McIntyre, born 27 May, 1834; married 7 April, 1857, CAROLINE MCCLURG.
  2. Marcia McIntyre, born 25 Oct., 1836; living unmarried at Dorchester, Mass.
  3. Edgar H. Hull, born 1846; died 1848.
  4. Edward Hull, born 1847; died 1853.
  5. Rolla A. Hull, born 1856; died 1859.
- 11 MARY, born 23 June, 1814; died 21 Dec., 1814.
- 12 TIMOTHY, born 11 March, 1816; died 4 April, 1816.



By third marriage:

M-13 TIMOTHY H., born 23 July, 1817; died 7 Jan., 1892; married MINERVA J. MARTIN.

14 LOUISA, born 11 June, 1820; died at Surrey, N. H.; married 20 Oct., 1840, at North Charlestown, MARK LANE, born 3 April, 1812, at Unity, N. H., died at North Charlestown, son of Justus and Huldah (Veasey) Lane.

Children:

1. Sophia Catherine Lane, born 27 April, 1842; married 1 Jan., 1869, EVANDER FRENCH, of Jaffrey, N. H.
2. Willard Martin Lane, born 27 Jan., 1847; married 16 Dec., 1880, ALMEDA MARIA DUNLAP, born 11 June, 1859.
3. Albert Lindsey Lane, born 8 March, 1851; married 7 Oct., 1878, MAY M. HOWE, born 7 Oct., 1858. Lived at North Charlestown.
4. Hermon Justus Lane, born 28 Oct., 1853; married 14 Sept., 1881, LIZZIE M. ARTHUR, born 20 Oct., 1859. Lived at Wayland, Mass. and Washington, D. C.
5. Emma Minerva Lane, born 2 May, 1856; married CHARLES REED. Lived at Surrey, N. H.
6. Nellia Louisa Lane, born 11 Oct., 1858; died 11 Oct., 1877.
7. Sarah Marcia Lane, born 24 Nov., 1863; married 1 Dec., 1887, FREEMAN P. TUCKER.
8. Johnette A. Lane, born Sept., 1860; died 18 March, 1862.

"Timothy Holden, of Charlestown, aged seventy-two, 15 Jan., 1833, declared that he enlisted in Captain Benjamin Kimball's company, Colonel Huntington's regiment in the Massachusetts line, 1 Jan., 1776, for the term of one year. He joined the army at Winter Hill, nigh Boston, was stationed there, and at Cambridge, Boston and Dorchester until about August 1, then went to New York, thence to Morristown, N. J., where he was stationed until the last of December of the same year. For that service, on 6 Nov., 1819, he was placed on the pension roll of the United States.

On or about 25 June, 1777, he volunteered and he thinks joined Captain Abel Walker's company of militia and Colonel Bellows' regiment, marched to Ticonderoga; orders came to vacate the place, the enemy followed us until the army had retreated as far as Hubbardston, Vt. Colonel Bellows' regiment was in front. The British attacked the rear guard, and we were ordered back to their support. We soon met the wounded and were informed the battle was severe, but had ceased, and we were again ordered to march on. We did so and continued in march until dark when we encamped, and your declarant well remembers being on guard that night. The next day, there being no further service for us, we were dismissed and returned home. He was in the service at that time, three weeks; the evidence

of this service is the affidavit of Nathan Allen and Thomas Putnam, hereto attached.

Immediately after he returned home from the above service, orders came to raise men for two months to go to Cavendish in Vermont, about twenty miles from this place, to guard the frontiers against the inroads made by the enemy. Moses Wheeler of this town came to me and said he must go to Cavendish or hire some one to go for him. I then agreed to go and serve his term of duty, and did immediately join Captain Abel Walker's company and marched to Cavendish, where we were stationed and doing duty, scouting about the frontiers until the information came that there had been a battle at Bennington. There was one other company stationed at Cavendish at this time, commanded, he thinks, by Captain Ford, both companies commanded by Major William Heywood. On hearing of the battle aforesaid, we were ordered to march immediately for the west road, and continued until we arrived at Stillwater, N. Y., under the command of Major Heywood aforesaid.

Soon after we arrived at Stillwater (say in one week), we were ordered to Bemis Heights; your declarant being unwell, was ordered to stay in Stillwater; did so until his term of service, two months, was out, when he was dismissed and went home. The evidence of this service is Lemuel Royse and Barnabas Ellis.

In the summer of 1780, when Royalton in Vermont was burned, he again volunteered and joined Captain Samuel Wetherbee's company, and immediately marched for Royalton. When we had got within ten miles or thereabouts, of that place, we were informed that the enemy had left Royalton and gone to Newbury. We marched immediately to Newbury, where the company, with other companies was stationed until we were dismissed. He was stationed at Newbury two weeks, and was gone from home three weeks. He attaches the affidavit of the Honorable Seth Putnam. Your declarant did faithfully serve his country fifteen months and one-half.

He was born at Groton, Mass., 12 July, 1760, resided there with his father, one year from then came to this town with his father and family; where he has ever since lived."<sup>1</sup>

He was discharged 9 July, 1777, having served twelve days; also served from 21 July to 22 Sept., 1777 under Stack at Saratoga in Captain Abel Walker's company.<sup>2</sup> Family tradition asserts that Timothy enlisted as a musician (drummer) in 1776, and was with his father during the retreat of Washington through the Jerseys, and was discharged as captain.

In 1798-9 and from 1801-3, he was selectman of Charlestown.

Catherine Holden, widow of Timothy Holden, said to be ninety-

<sup>1</sup> Pension papers.

<sup>2</sup> New Hampshire Revolutionary Rolls.

two years old, admitted 1 April, 1870, to pension at the rate of \$96 per annum, to commence 27 July, 1868.

19657 EDMUND (*Richard, William, Stephen, Richard*), born 23 Oct., 1767, at Charlestown, N. H.; died probably prior to 1810; married, later than 1790,<sup>1</sup> MARY ———.

His name is not found in the 1810 census, either in Vermont or New York.

Children,<sup>2</sup> born at Middlesex, Vt.

- 1 ESTHER, born 7 April, 1794; married 9 April, 1814, at Middlesex,<sup>3</sup> JEDEDIAH SILOWAY of Berlin.
- 2 DOLLY, born 28 Dec., 1795.
- 3 ROXY, born 25 Feb., 1799.
- 4 MARY, born 26 Nov., 1800. Did she marry 10 April, 1816, at Middlesex, ELEAZER MATHER?
- 5 COLUMBE (male), born and died 20 July, 1802.
- 6 OLIVE "of Edmund and Mary," died 9 Oct., 1802, at Middlesex.

19761 CHARLES (*Charles, Simon, Stephen, Richard*), born prior to 1800, probably in Essex County; died 17 May, 1874;<sup>3</sup> married 27 Sept., 1820, at Beverly,<sup>4</sup> SARAH F. CLEAVES, widow of Joshua Cleaves, who died 7 Nov., 1816.<sup>3</sup> She was of Wenham, aged 83 years in March, 1878, when she applied for a pension, asserting that Charles Holden enlisted June, 1813, at Charlestown as a marine, and that he was then of Beverly, a mariner, five feet eight inches tall, with dark hair, eyes, and complexion, and that he was discharged September, 1814. There was a Charles Holden enlisted as a marine, 29 Nov, 1813, aged 17 years, with grey eyes, brown hair and fair complexion, five feet two and one-half inches in height, who left the service at the navy yard 26 July, 1815.<sup>3</sup>

In 1823 he was described as of Wenham, yeoman, only child of Charles Holden of Salem, mariner, deceased.

Children:<sup>4</sup>

- 1-1 CHARLES, baptized 6 Oct., 1822, at Beverly; married SARAH O. FOSTER.
- 2 MARY ELIZABETH, baptized 20 Aug., 1826, at Wenham; married 30 June, 1844, at Wenham, LEONARD DODGE, aged 26, cordwainer.
- 3 JONATHAN O., born 1828, at Wenham; aged 21 at marriage, 17 July, 1849, at Beverly, to M. MARIA HAMMOND, daughter of Philip and Adaline (Swan) Hammond. He was a cordwainer.

19812 JONATHAN (*Robert, Jonathan, Stephen, Richard*), born May, 1770, at Templeton, Mass.; died 28 Nov., 1826, at Templeton,<sup>4</sup> aged 56 years, 6 months, *g.s.*; married 28 Nov., 1793, at Templeton,<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In 1790 he was enumerated as a single man at Middlesex. The family tradition is that he "left Charlestown when young."

<sup>2</sup> Middlesex records.

<sup>3</sup> Pension papers.

<sup>4</sup> Town records.

LYDIA RICHARDS, who died 1 Oct., 1794, at Templeton.<sup>1</sup> He married, second, 5 May, 1795, at Templeton,<sup>1</sup> SARAH CROCKER, who married again 3 Nov., 1828, John Chamberlain<sup>1</sup> of Royalston.

Administration on his estate was granted to son, John Holden, 5 Dec., 1826, who is called "eldest son." His farm consisted of about seventy-five acres and in part bounded on lands of Robert Holden.

Children born at Templeton:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 LYDIA, born 9 Aug., 1794.

By second marriage:

- 2 SALLY, born 20 July, 1796.

- 3 MARY (Polly), born 15 Feb., 1798; died 30 March, 1809,<sup>1</sup> aged 11 years (*g.s.*).

- 4 EUNICE, born 16 April, 1799; married 25 June, 1822 (intention 7 April, at Gardner), LUTHER SEAVER of Ashburnham.<sup>2</sup>

Children, born at Gardner:

1. Sarah Seaver,<sup>3</sup> born 22 May, 1825.

2. Luther Seaver,<sup>3</sup> born 1 Aug., 1829.

3. Mary Bancroft Seaver,<sup>3</sup> born 10 Sept., 1831.

4. John Seaver,<sup>3</sup> born 1 Aug., 1835; married LAURA LUCRETIA FISKE, born 24 Jan., 1846, daughter of Thomas Appleton and Lucretia (Pope) Fiske. He lives in Templeton. Children.

5. Emily Seaver.<sup>2</sup>

- 5 ELI, born 13 Dec., 1800; died 19 June, 1804.<sup>1</sup>

- 6 HERVEY, born 9 Sept., 1803; drowned 11 Dec., 1826,<sup>1</sup> in Denison Pond, Winchendon.<sup>2</sup> Unmarried.

- 7-7 JOHN, born 14 June, 1805; married HANNAH CHAMBERLAIN.

- 8 AMOS, born 3 May, 1807; died 7 Nov., 1824.<sup>1</sup>

- 9 SUKEY, born 21 Feb., 1809; married 7 April, JAMES CROCKER.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

1. Harvey Crocker.

2. George Crocker.

3. Rufus Crocker.

4. Frank Crocker.

5. Charles Crocker.

6. A daughter.

- J-10 JONATHAN,<sup>4</sup> born 11 Nov., 1811,<sup>2</sup> at Templeton; married OLIVE H. WOOD.

- K-11 ELI, born 28 Dec., 1815; married 7 Nov., 1838, at Ashburnham,<sup>1</sup> MARY CUTLER.

19815 ROBERT (*Robert, Jonathan, Stephen, Richard*), born 1777, at Templeton; died 21 Nov., 1841, "aged 64,"<sup>1</sup> at Templeton, Mass.; married 2 Sept., 1804, at Wrentham, Mass.,<sup>1</sup> MILLIE BLANCHARD, who married, second, 14 March, 1843, Samuel Kendall.<sup>5</sup>

At time of his marriage he was styled of Attleboro. He had deed

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> Gardner records, quoted by R. W. Holden.

<sup>5</sup> R. W. Holden *Mss.*

<sup>2</sup> Information of Emory A. Holden (19812.J-4).

<sup>4</sup> Not recorded at Templeton.



5 April, 1806, from his father of the latter's real estate, in consideration of support of his father and wife Joan.<sup>1</sup>

Children, born at Templeton:

- 1 NANCY, born 14 April, 1807;<sup>2</sup> married 6 Nov., 1833, FRANCIS WINN of Worcester.
- 2-2 WILLIAM, born 25 Jan., 1809;<sup>2</sup> died 1865; married PHEBE BRIGHAM.
- 3 MILLIE, born 22 Sept., 1810; died 17 April, 1844.<sup>2</sup>
- 4-4 ADONIRAM (ANDREW) J., born 1818; died 23 Dec., 1844, "aged 26";<sup>2</sup> married Emeline F. Brigham; (2) EUNICE S. FLAGG.
- 5 ELECTA, born 1820; died 22 Jan., 1844, "aged 23."<sup>2</sup>

19818 JOHN (*Robert, Jonathan, Stephen, Richard*), born 1785, probably at Templeton, Mass.; died "about 1874 or 1875, aged 89 years";<sup>3</sup> married 3 April, 1808, at Royalston, SALLY LYON of Templeton. He married, second, 8 Oct., 1809, at Gardner, MARY (Mercy) PRATT. He married, fourth, SALLY MARIA COTTEN, daughter of James Cotten.

John Holden lived at Stephentown and Solon, N. Y. Mrs. M. W. Coleman, a granddaughter of Eber Holden, remembers hearing that Eber had a brother Havillah, who visited him in her recollection, and that they had a half-brother John.

Children by second marriage:<sup>3</sup>

- 1-1 STILLMAN, born 1 Feb., 1810, at Florida, Mass.; died 14 April, 1905; married NANCY WETHERBEE; (2) DEBORAH SEYMOUR; (3) ABIGAIL SLATER.
- 2-2 WILLIAM D., born 27 Aug., 1815, at Florida, Mass.; died 8 Jan., 1906; married BETSEY SEYMOUR.

By third marriage:

- 3 NELSON.

By fourth marriage:

- 4-4 ADELBERT, born 16 Jan., 1844,<sup>3</sup> at Solon, N. Y.; married FLORA HAIGHT.
- 5-5 EDWARD COTTEN, born about 1848; married JEMIMA WATROUS.
- 6 MYRON, died in infancy.

19819 HAVILLAH (*Robert, Jonathan, Stephen, Richard*), born 18 Dec., 1789, at Templeton,<sup>4</sup> Mass.; died later than 1867; married NANCY FREEMAN, died 26 Jan., 1815,<sup>5</sup> aged 23, daughter of Robert and Joanna (Bruce) (Whitcomb) Freeman of Attleboro. He married, second, 4 May, 1819, at Providence (he being described as of Cranston), CAROLINE VOAX of Providence,<sup>2</sup> daughter of Thomas Voax. He married, third, 11 Oct., 1846, MRS. DIMROUS ROPER of Cumberland, R. I.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Worcester Deeds, 163:303.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> Information concerning this family from the R. W. Holden *Mss.*, was had of Adelbert Holden and Mrs. George L. Holden, 1912.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Mss.*

<sup>5</sup> *Rhode Island American*.

Havillah Holden lived in Cranston and in Providence, R. I. He kept a livery stable. His visit to his brother, Eber, at Templeton, Mass., in his old age is remembered by his grandniece, Mrs. Coleman. Children:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 JOANNA BRUCE; married HORACE ALDRICH.
- 2 - 2 THOMAS VOX, born 3 Feb., 1824; married SUSAN B. RALPH.
- 3 LOUISA VOX, married 1848 EDWIN CONANT.<sup>2</sup>
- 4 ELEANOR; married WILLIAM LEAVITT.
- 5 ELVIRA.
- 6 GILBERT HAVILLAH.
- 7 CAROLINE; married ALBERT CRAPON (*qy.* CRAPOU).
- 8 MATILDA.
- 9 MARY EMMA married ANDREW ATWOOD.
- 10 AMANDA.
- 11 ANN.
- 12 CORNELIA.
- 13 SAMUEL CURTIS.

1981K EBER (*Robert, Jonathan, Stephen, Richard*), born July, 1788, at Coleraine, Mass.;<sup>3</sup> died Feb., 1885, "aged 96 years, 7 months,"<sup>3</sup> at Pittsfield, Mass., buried at Stephentown; married, at Stephentown, SALLY TYLER, daughter of Barton Tyler.<sup>3</sup>

Children:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 SALLY ANN; married WILLIAM JONES (also given as James in R. W. Holden, *Ms.*).  
Children:  
  1. Kate Jones.
  2. Nettie Jones.
- 2 MARIA; married ROBERT PARKER.  
Children, in addition to four who died infants:  
  1. Mary Parker, married 27 March, 1872, at Pittsfield, MARTIN WELLS COLEMAN. Their son, Robert P. Coleman, is a graduate of Massachusetts State Agricultural College and of the University of Wisconsin.
  2. Sarah Parker; married 8 May, 1879, WILLIAM LUSK of Pittsfield. Children.
  3. Alice Parker; married 28 March, 1890, at Pittsfield, WILLIAM JONES, JR., her cousin.
- 3 ALVIRA; died aged 27 years, unmarried, at Stephentown.
- 4 MIRANDA; married WILLIAM JONES, of Stephentown, her brother-in-law.  
Children:  
  1. Harriet Jones.
  2. Freelove Jones.
  3. William Jones; married, at Pittsfield, ALICE PARKER, his cousin.

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> Loiza B. Holden and Edward A. Conant were married at Cumberland, 4 May, 1848, but this elsewhere appears as Louisa and Edwin. Also married there, 24 June, 1849, Mary A. Holden and Philip T. Miller. <sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*, information of Mrs. Coleman.

4. Robert Jones; married, at Pittsfield, ELIZA DUNLAP.
5. Frederick Jones; married, at Pittsfield, MARGARET HICKEY.

Eber Holden was a good singer and would compose verse and set it to music. He was a lover of nature, and was in the habit of putting into verse descriptions of what he observed. After his wife's death he lived with his daughters in turn. His portrait and that of his brother Havillah, as well as of others of their brothers and sisters, were in possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. Coleman, who recalled that there was a locality in Coleraine which was called the Holden District, but so called from the residence there of Caleb Holden, 1924.

19912 JOSEPH (*Benjamin, Benjamin, Stephen, Richard*), born 28 Sept., 1764, at Princeton; died 23 Sept., 1798, at Rutland; married 4 Dec., 1791, at Rutland, FIDELIA MIRICK, born 25 May, 1770, at Princeton, daughter of Caleb and Eunice (Jones) Mirick.<sup>1</sup> She married, second, 8 Feb., 1801, Joel Holden<sup>1</sup> (19915).

Children,<sup>1</sup> born at Rutland:

- 1 JOSEPH BELCHER, born 13 Dec., 1792; died 31 Aug., 1840, at Rutland; married 30 May, 1819, at Rutland, SALLY SAUNDERS.

Child:

1. Charles Goodrich, born 8 May, 1825, at Rutland.

- 2 FIDELIA, born 3 Nov., 1795; died 19 Aug., 1823; married 29 March, 1819, at Rutland, RUFUS GLEASON.

Child:

1. Fidelia, born 1819; died 8 Sept., 1821.

- 3-3 CALEB MIRICK, born 8 Oct., 1798; married MATILDA L. LELAND.

19914 BENJAMIN (*Benjamin, Benjamin, Stephen, Richard*), born 19 Nov., 1769, at Princeton; died there 8 April, 1832; married 2 Dec., 1793, HANNAH GILL, born 10 Jan., 1775, died 29 Aug., 1846, at Princeton, daughter of HON. MOSES and REBECCA (Boylston) GILL<sup>2</sup> (of John and Hannah Gill).<sup>3</sup>

Children, born at Rutland:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 CATHERINE, born 11 (1) Feb., 1796; married, at Rutland, MOSES SMITH, born 23 July, 1795, at Rutland, died there 26 July, 1835, son of David and Lucy (Rice) Smith.

Children:

1. Mary Townsend Smith, born 8 April, 1817; married MOSES SMITH.
2. Benjamin Holden Smith, born 23 March, 1819; married NANCY STAPLES.

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*, information of Mrs. J. E. Oldham; also Rutland and Princeton records.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, where it is stated that Moses Gill was born at Charlestown in 1733, removed to Princeton, represented that town in the General Court, and was elected lieutenant governor of Massachusetts, 1794, being acting governor in 1799-1800.

<sup>3</sup> Information of Mrs. Jacob Holden.

<sup>4</sup> Rutland *Vital Records* and William Holden papers.

3. Hannah Burbank Smith, born 14 Feb., 1822; married ———  
CANN.
4. Clara Smith.
5. Elvira Rebecca Smith, born 4 Feb., 1824; married ———  
LEATHERS.
6. Catherine Elizabeth Smith, born 30 Aug., 1826; married ———  
NOURSE.
7. Sarah Abigail Smith; married ELISHA TUCKER.
8. Lucy Richardson Smith; married ——— WHITING.
9. George Smith.
- 2 HANNAH, born 8 Jan., 1802; died 22 Oct., 1884;<sup>1</sup> married 9 Jan., 1823,  
at Rutland, COLONEL MILES DEMOND.  
Children:<sup>1</sup>
  1. Augusta Demond, born 14 Jan., 1824; died 14 Dec., 1844.
  2. Lucy Richardson Demond, born 8 Aug., 1825; died 10 April,  
1832.
  3. Daniel Demond, born 20 April, 1828.
  4. Denny Demond, twin with Daniel; died 25 Nov., 1828.
  5. Edwin Demond, born 11 Sept., 1830.
  6. Theodore Demond, born 31 Aug., 1835.
  7. Ellen Elizabeth Demond, born 15 April, 1839.
  8. Infant, born 26 Sept., 1846, died soon.
  9. Infant, born 6 Sept., 1849; died soon.
- 3 BENJAMIN, died in infancy.
- 4 REBECCA, born 6 Feb., 1804; married (intention 16 March) 19 April,<sup>2</sup>  
1827, CHARLES DEMOND.  
Children:<sup>1</sup>
  1. William Wallace (Charles) Demond, born 3 April, 1828.
  2. Darwin Dudley Demond, born 5 Sept., 1829.
  3. Moses Gill Demond, born 1 July, 1831.
  4. Francis Elmer Demond, born 10 July, 1833.
  5. Sidney Martin Demond, born 18 Jan., 1837.
- 5 - 5 BENJAMIN, born 5 April, 1806; died 11 April, 1891; married ELMIRA  
WATSON.
- 6 - 6 MOSES GILL, born 24 Nov., 1807;<sup>2</sup> married EMELINE DAVIS.
- 7 MARY.
- 8 ELIZABETH, born 13 July, 1812;<sup>2</sup> married JOHN G. HOBBS, of Princeton.
- 9 WILLIAM PENN, born 6 March, 1815; died 1 May, 1842 (*g.s.*); married  
MATILDA REED of Hopkinton. Lived in Chicago.
- 10 CAROLINE, born 1817; died 5 July, 1821, at Rutland.
- 11 ABIGAIL, born 13 March, 1820; married 7 May, 1846, GEORGE DARL-  
ING of Boston. No children.<sup>2</sup>
- 12 JOHN.

19915 JOEL (*Benjamin, Benjamin, Stephen, Richard*), born 30  
Nov., 1772, at Princeton; married 9 Feb., 1801, at Rutland,<sup>3</sup> MRS.  
FIDELIA (Mirick) HOLDEN, widow of his brother Joseph (19912).

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*<sup>2</sup> Information of Mrs. Jacob Holden.<sup>3</sup> Town records.



Joel Holden made declaration 27 Feb., 1856, at Rutland, that he was the only living child of Colonel Benjamin Holden.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 ELIZA S., born 23 April, 1801, at Princeton; died 5 June, 1887; married 20 Dec., 1824, at Rutland, RUFUS GLEASON, son of Thomas and Hannah (Hill) Gleason. His first wife was Fidelia Holden (19912-2). Children:
  1. Jesse Gleason, born 7 Dec., 1825, at Princeton; died 28 Nov., 1829.
  2. Abigail Sophia Gleason, born 9 March, 1828; married 14 April, 1846, CHARLES E. WHITTAKER.
  3. Joel Holden Gleason, born 16 Sept., 1830; died 30 June, 1862, in the Union Army; married OPHELIA McMASTER.
  4. Thomas Hill Gleason, born 22 Sept., 1833; married PERLETHIA ANN RICE. He lived at Butler, Mo., and died August, 1884.
  5. Jesse Barton Gleason, born 23 Sept., 1840; died 17 April, 1857.
- 2-2 JOEL S., born 21 Aug., 1804, at Rutland; married PERSIS L. ESTABROOKS.
- 3 LUCY RICHARDSON, born 3 Feb., 1809; died 25 Sept., 1814.
- 4 LUCY RICHARDSON, born 11 Dec., 1815; died unmarried.

21723 SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> (*Samuel, William, Samuel, Justinian*), born 10 April, 1765, at Dorchester; died 12 July, 1826, *g.s.*, at Preston, Conn.; married 13 April, 1788, at Milton, Mass., RUTH DANIELS, born 5 Feb., 1764, died 2 Aug., 1839, *g.s.*, at Preston, daughter of Verin and Ruth (Billings) Daniels.

Samuel Holden, Jr., was a member of company commanded by Captain or Lieutenant Williams, from Dorchester, called out during Shay's Rebellion, from 8 Jan. to 8 Feb., 1787. Also member of company commanded by Captain James Robinson, Colonel Ezra Bedlam's regiment. He also served from 8 to 13 Sept., 1813, in Captain Elijah Reed's company, 34th Regiment.<sup>3</sup> He moved to Preston, Conn., about 1795, and engaged in farming. He was enumerated in the census of 1790 at Dorchester, three in family.

Children, two eldest born at Dorchester, others at Preston:

- 1 LOUISA, born 19 (9) April, 1789; died 14 July, 1853, at Norwich, Conn.; married CAPTAIN JOHN HILLARD.
- Children:<sup>3</sup>
1. Adelaide Hillard; married JOHN W. BULKLEY.
  2. Louisa Hillard, born 1809; died 6 Feb., 1830, "*ae. 21 years*" (*g.s.*).
  3. Charles C. Hillard, born 14 Sept., 1818; died 1862. He served in the Navy during the Civil War. By wife, MARY M., he had a son who died in infancy.
  4. Franklin Hillard, born 1821; died 6 Sept., 1876, "*ae. 55*" (*g.s.*).

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*, with additions by Mrs. J. E. Oldham, 1912. The children were baptized at Rutland.

<sup>2</sup> Information concerning this family was secured from Justin Holden, who in June, 1912, copied grave-stone inscriptions. Also F. A. Holden *Ms.* Preston inscriptions are found in *N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg.*, vol. 60.

<sup>3</sup> *History of Stamford, Conn.*, p. 354.

5. Emma Hillard, born 1821; died 1824, "ae. 3 years" (*g.s.*).
6. Infant, born and died 1824.
7. William B. Hillard, born 1826; died 1833, "ae. 7 years, 7 months" (*g.s.*).
- 2-2 WALTER, born 5 Aug., 1791; died 13 Feb., 1855; married NANCY B. BUSHNELL; (2) LYDIA W. MOORE.
- 3 REBECCA, born 15 Jan., 1795; died 22 Sept., 1806 (*g.s.* at Preston).
- 4 CAROLINE, born 31 Jan., 1799; married 4 April, 1821, at Preston, Conn., JAMES KELLAM, born 26 Oct., 1798, at Preston.  
Children, born at Glastonbury, Conn.:
  1. Louisa Hillard Kellam, born 3 April, 1822.
  2. James Lyman Kellam, born 29 Feb., 1824.
  3. Angelina Maria Kellam, born 31 May, 1826.
  4. John Wilson Kellam, born 9 June, 1829.
  5. Sarah Caroline Kellam, born 22 Jan., 1832.
  6. Edward Holden Kellam, born 18 June, 1834; died Dec., 1840.
  7. Ann Eliza Kellam, born 17 Jan., 1838.
  8. Emily Kellam, born 26 Jan., 1840; died 20 Jan., 1840.
  9. Clarissa Jane Kellam, born 23 Nov., 1841.
  10. Maria Jenette Kellam, born 24 May, 1844.
- 5-5 SAMUEL, born 28 Nov., 1801; died 3 Sept., 1849; married SALLY H. BREWSTER.
- 6 CHARLOTTE, born 28 June, 1806; died 1830 *s.p.*: married ZEBULON ROBBINS.

21725 EDWARD (*Samuel, William, Samuel, Justinian*), born 30 Aug., 1769, at Dorchester; died 16 Nov., 1823, on the passage from San Domingo to Boston; married 31 July, 1791, ANNA PAYSON, born 2 Oct., 1772, at Dorchester, died 28 Feb., 1861, at Bangor, Me., daughter of Samuel and Anna (Robinson) Payson.

Edward Holden in early manhood taught school at Milton, Mass., but about 1799 settled at Dorchester Lower Mills, and then taught school in a building in the old Plymouth road, corner of what was later River Street. Afterward, he became a commission merchant, with office at No. 1 Long Wharf, Boston, having as a partner James Andrews. The outbreak of the War of 1812 caused him to retire from this venture, and after the war he became a supercargo in the West India trade. He died on the passage from Aux Cayes.<sup>1</sup>

Children:<sup>2</sup>

- 1-1 EDWARD, born 25 Dec., 1791, at Dorchester; died 1827; married ELIZABETH WILLIAMS; (2) SARAH MCCLENACHAN.
- 2 STEPHEN CLEVERLY, born 30 April, 1793; died 27 May, 1793.
- 3 ANNE JANE, born 9 Oct., 1795, at Milton; died at Bangor, unmarried.
- 4-4 GEORGE WASHINGTON, born 27 Oct., 1797, at Boston; died 5 (2<sup>3</sup>) (12<sup>4</sup>) Jan., 1853; married ALMIRA W. WEBB.

<sup>1</sup> *Boston Recorder*, issue of 13 Dec. 1823.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> Information of Seth Reed, who supplied information concerning this branch of the family.

<sup>4</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

- 5 JAMES ANDREWS, born 13 Oct., 1799, at Boston; died 1827. He was United States Consular Agent at Aux Cayes. Sailing from San Domingo, 12 Aug., 1827, the vessel on which he took passage was never heard from.
- 6 CHARLOTTE McLELLAN, born 28 Oct., 1801, at Boston; married 1 Jan., 1828, WILLIAM LANDER, who died 23 Jan., 1833, suddenly, at New Orleans, son of Benjamin and Mary (Kimball) Lander. They lived at Salem, Mass. She married (2) 21 May, 1841, WILLIAM JENNISON WHIPPLE, Harvard, 1805, of Uxbridge, born 28 May, 1787, died 4 Nov., 1850, son of Jonathan and Mary (Jennison) Whipple, a lawyer in Cambridge.  
Children:
  1. James Holden Lander, born 10 March, 1829, in New York; died 10 June, 1873, at Los Angeles, Cal.; married, at Los Angeles, MARGUERITE JOHNSON, who died 1860 at Baltimore; (2) 3 Nov., 1872, at Baltimore, MARY ELLA HOLDEN, daughter of Enoch Pratt Holden (21725-8), *q.v.*
  2. Francis Louis Ringold, adopted; name changed to Lander, by act of Legislature. He died 1862, at Harrison's Landing, Va., corporal Co. A, 15th Massachusetts Volunteers.
- 7 LUCY, born 3 May, 1804, at Dorchester; died 13 Nov., 1885, at Baltimore; married 22 July, 1827, in Boston, SETH REED, born 22 Aug., 1799, at Easton, Mass., son of Rev. William and Olive (Poole) Reed, a merchant in Baltimore.  
Children:<sup>1</sup>
  1. Olive Ann Reed, born 2 June, 1828, at Boston, died 8 Sept., 1828.
  2. William Edward Reed, born 16 Nov., 1829, at Boston; married 8 Dec., 1853, SARAH ELIZABETH THOMAS. Lived in Damascus, Md.
  3. Samuel Payson Reed, born 24 March, 1833, at Baltimore; died 18 July, 1864, in hospital at Washington, a member of 8th Maryland Volunteer Infantry, of wounds received in the Battle of the Wilderness; married 23 Aug., 1855, RACHEL ANN BROWN.
  4. James Holden Lander Reed, born 6 July, 1836; died 27 Aug., 1877, at Memphis, Tenn.; married 27 Jan., 1869, LULU J. DAUPREE. He was in the Confederate Army.
  5. Wallace Willard Reed, born 26 July, 1838; died unmarried. He served in the Navy, holding a commission.
  6. Seth Gurney Reed, born 20 July, 1840; died 26 June, 1880; married SARAH McCURLEY. Enlisted as private in 1st Maryland Volunteers, discharged as lieutenant-colonel.
  7. Lucy Holden Reed, born 24 Nov., 1842, at Cedar Hill; died 13 Oct., 1836, at Boston, unmarried.
  8. Charlotte Whipple Reed, born 12 Nov., 1845; died unmarried.
  9. Mary Laura Reed, born 2 July, 1849; married 12 July, 1875, JOSEPH H. SHERBERT of Baltimore.

<sup>1</sup> Information of Seth Reed, who supplied information concerning this branch of the family.

- 8-8 ENOCH PRATT, born 26 Sept., 1806; married ELIZABETH A. IJAMS.  
 9 MARY FIELD, born 16 July, 1808; died 1 March, 1814.  
 10 JUDITH SAUNDERS, born 19 Feb., 1811; died 16 Oct., 1811.  
 K-11 JEREMIAH FENNO (Edward<sup>1</sup>), born 2 April, 1813; died August, 1853;  
 married CHARLOTTE G. GALLISON; (2) SARAH F. SINGLETON; (3)  
 ELVIRA PARKER.  
 12 MARY DIX HARRIS, born 13 April, 1815, died *s.p.*

21728 WILLIAM (*Samuel, William, Samuel, Justinian*), born 1 Dec., 1777, at Dorchester, Mass.; died Oct., 1827, at Portland, Me.; married JANE CROSBY of Boston, born 1775, died 11 May, 1844, at Portland, daughter of Daniel and Esther (Davenport) Crosby. He was a grocer.<sup>2</sup>

Children:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 HENRY, born Dec., 1800; died 1833, unmarried.  
 2 CHARLES, died young.  
 3-3 CHARLES, born 21 June, 1804, at Portland; died 10 July, 1875; married ELIZABETH G. SAMPSON; (2), MARY J. (PAINE) JELLISON.  
 4 JANE, died young.  
 5 JANE CROSBY, born June 1808; died 1850; married SAMUEL S. PARSONS.  
 6 MARY C., born 20 Oct., 1811; married 5 Sept., 1841, JOHN SKILLINGS.  
 7 ELIZA ANN, born 30 Aug., 1814; married NATHANIEL HAMBLIN.

21734 STEPHEN (*William, Samuel, Justinian*), born 25 Sept., 1778, at Dorchester; died there 14 Sept., 1810 (*g.s.*); married 26 Dec., 1779,<sup>3</sup> SUSANNA LEWIS TOLMAN born 16 June, 1776,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Elijah and Experience (Tolman) Tolman.<sup>3</sup> She married, second, 21 Oct., 1817,<sup>3</sup> Ephraim Davenport, who died July, 1842, aged 75 years.<sup>3</sup> Her son, Joel Bird Davenport, was born 26 Feb., 1819.<sup>3</sup>

Children born in Dorchester:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 EUNICE, born 13 Sept., 1800; died 15 Oct., 1801.  
 2 STEPHEN, born 6 May., 1803.  
 3 WILLIAM, born 1804.  
 4 SUSANNA, born Dec., 1806; died 22 Jan.<sup>3</sup> (20 Feb., *g.s.*), 1810.  
 5 LYDIA, born Oct., 1808.

21761 JAMES (*Jonathan, William, Samuel, Justinian*), born 1 Sept., 1768, at Dorchester, Mass.; died 25 Oct., 1849,<sup>2</sup> married 31 Aug., 1791, ABIGAIL DIX,<sup>2</sup> at Newton.<sup>4</sup>

Children:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 ABIGAIL, born 17 July, 1792; married 17 Sept., 1811, SAMUEL COX, born 9 Nov., 1793, son of Samuel and Fanny (Watson) Cox of Cambridge. They removed to the State of New York.

<sup>1</sup> Name changed to Edward.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> Dorchester records.

<sup>4</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.* Newton *Vital Records*.



2-2 JAMES B., born 23 April, 1794; died 5 Feb., 1843; married VINA SHEPARDSON.

- 3 EBENEZER, born 21 Dec., 1795; died 18 Dec., 1880,<sup>1</sup> at Marion, Miss.; married 15 June, 1860, at Marion, JULIA WHITE, who was living in 1881.<sup>1</sup> Of Mobile, Ala., and Marion, Miss. He served from 18 Sept. to 30 Nov., 1814, in company of Massachusetts militia commanded by Captain S. N. Hastings.<sup>1</sup>

James Holden appears as a member of the company commanded by Captain James Robinson, February, 1787.<sup>2</sup> According to family tradition James Holden saw military service during the Revolution, but his youth would seem to negative that presumption. He certainly could not have been the "marine" of 1782, and the only others of the name who have not been positively identified were in the service in 1775 and 1778. According to the R. W. Holden *Ms.* he was first married to Mrs. Lois (Davenport) Davis of Brookline, had a third wife, and lived in Sherburne.

21762 JOHN (*Jonathan, William, Samuel, Justinian*), born 3 Nov., 1770, at Dorchester; died 13 May, 1857; married 3 Dec., 1792, SARAH CLAP, born 7 Oct., 1768, died 21 Nov., 1806, daughter of Noah and Ann (Clap) Clap.<sup>3</sup> He married, second, 9 Sept., 1811, RHODA SUMNER of Taunton, born 11 June, 1785, died 13 Feb., 1875, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Holmes) Sumner.

John Holden established a slaughter-house in Dorchester, about 1795, near what became known as Boston Street. He continued in this business until 1837, when he retired with ample means. He is said to have been of a humane and benevolent disposition, but in no sense a public man.<sup>4</sup>

Children,<sup>3</sup> born at Dorchester:

- 1 ANNE, born 21 Sept., 1793; died 27 Oct., 1874; married 24 June, 1816, EBENEZER SUMNER, born 24 March, 1790, at Taunton, died 16 May, 1851.

Children,<sup>3</sup> born at Dorchester:

1. John Holden Sumner, born 9 March, 1817; died 17 March, 1867; married 9 Sept., 1845, CAROLINE AUGUSTA KINGSBURY, daughter of Josiah Kingsbury, of Boston.
2. Beulah Holden Sumner, born 2 Oct., 1818; died 31 May, 1845; married 12 Sept., 1838, THOMAS W. TUTTLE, of Boston.
3. Ebenezer Otis Sumner, born 28 Oct., 1821; died 17 Sept., 1862, killed in action at Antietam. Member 1st Massachusetts Cavalry.
4. Charles Sumner, born 18 Sept., 1823; died 27 Jan., 1847.
5. Andrew Sumner, born 1 March, 1825; married 4 Jan., 1852, MARTHA KINGSBURY, daughter of Josiah Kingsbury. Lived in Boston.

<sup>1</sup> Pension papers.

<sup>2</sup> *History of Dorchester*, p. 353.

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> See Crosby's Obituary Annual, 1857, p. 185. *N. E. Hist. Geneal. Reg.* 2:365.

6. Edward Clap Sumner, born 14 April, 1827; died 7 June, 1847.
  7. Sarah Elizabeth Sumner, born 31 Aug., 1829; died 27 Oct., 1845.
  8. Henry Pierce Sumner, born 14 Aug., 1831; died 5 Nov., 1831.
  9. Clarence Sumner, born 25 May, 1833; married 24 Dec., 1863, JOSEPHINE SAYWARD, daughter of William Sayward. Lived in Boston.
  - 2 MARY ANN BAKER, born 29 Nov., 1795; died 25 June, 1833; married 15 (25) May, 1832, ANDREW GLOVER, born 26 March, 1798, son of Alexander and Jemima (Tolman) Glover, of Dorchester. Mr. Glover was a merchant. Lived at Dorchester.  
Child:<sup>1</sup>
    1. Child, born and died 22 June, 1833.
  - 3-3 EBENEZER, born 19 Sept., 1797; died 28 Nov., 1880; married HANNAH PARKER.
  - 4-4 JOHN, born 9 June, 1799; died 11 Nov., 1858, at Quincy, Mass.; married SUBMIT D. RICE.
    - 5 SARAH, born 16 March, 1801; died 5 Nov., 1802.
    - 6 SARAH, born 9 April, 1803; married 23 Dec., 1823, MICHAEL MELLAN, of Boston.
    - 7 BEULAH, born 23 May, 1804; died 13 Jan., 1818.
- By second marriage:
- 8 FRANCES BREWER, born 20 Aug., 1812; married (intention 1 Feb., 1833), ELISHA B. BIRD of Dorchester; (2) J. ATKINS of Boston.
  - 9 LYDIA ELIZABETH, born 12 Sept., 1814; married 11 March, 1835, JAMES W. GLOVER, of Boston, born 19 Feb., 1813, son of James and Jane (Beale) Glover.  
Children:<sup>2</sup>
    1. Albert Holden Glover, born 31 Dec., 1835. Enlisted May, 1861, in 33d Massachusetts Volunteers, for three years. Discharged June, 1864.
    2. James Glover, born 1837.
    3. Gustavus Glover, born 1839.
    4. Louisa Glover, born 1840.
- J-10 ALBERT PIERCE, born 11 March, 1821; married (intention 13 Sept., 1845), JULIA G. TRUFANT.

21764 EZEKIEL (*Jonathan, William, Samuel, Justinian*), born 11 March, 1775, at Dorchester; died 20 Feb., 1847 at ———; married 7 July, 1800, SARAH LE CAIN, of Annapolis, N. S., born ——— 1778, died 29 Jan., 1830, daughter of John<sup>3</sup> and Sarah (Province) Le Cain of Boston.<sup>4</sup>

He married, second, 2 Aug., 1838, MRS. PATTY (Holden) GLOVER, his cousin, and widow of Samuel Glover, born 28 Nov., 1776, died 5 April, 1864, daughter of Phineas and Thankful (Baker) Holden. She married, third, Deacon Ebenezer Clap.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.* The births of children are found on Dorchester records.

<sup>4</sup> John Le Cain was son of Francis Le Cain, a native of Scotland.

The will of Ezekiel Holden was dated 4 Sept., 1837. He was of Dorchester, trader. To Darius Brewer, druggist, of Dorchester, all his real estate in trust for his five children, Francis, John, James D., Edward and David LeC.

Children:

- 1 CAROLINE, born 5 Jan., 1802; died 16 Aug., 1812.
- 2 JOHN LECAIN, born 22 Dec., 1803; died 3 Oct., 1805.
- 3 FRANCIS, born 25 Sept., 1805; died 15 Dec., 1859, at Washington, D. C.; married 22 May, 1831, MARY ANN JONES BICKNELL of Roxbury, who died 17 Nov., 1831. He married (2) 22 Dec., 1842, MRS. EVELINE PHILLIPENA MARIA REBECCA (BOX) COPELAND, widow of Robert B. Copeland, daughter of Rev. Joseph and Charlotte Caroline (Heinemann) Folger of Charleston, S. C., who married (3) David James Judah.

In early life he was engaged in the West India trade. In 1831 he removed from Boston to New York, and several years later to Tallahassee, Fla. While there he was called into the service of the United States in 1847, and commissioned captain of Company D, Georgia Volunteers. He was appointed Brigade Inspector of the Florida Militia. At the end of his military service he obtained an appointment in the Library of the United States Senate, which position he held at his death. He was beloved for his manly virtues, and was followed to his grave by the Masons and Odd Fellows. He was secretary of the Jackson Democratic Association at Washington, D. C.

Major Holden accompanied the remains of Hon. Henry Clay from Washington to their resting place in Ashland, Ky.

He wrote from the "Irving House, New York City, four o'clock Monday morning, July 5, 1852:

"I arrived here on Saturday, the body is in the City Hall. I have leisure, being relieved by the guard of honor. Have placed the body on board steamer *Santa Claus* for Albany, having a large military escort with three or four bands of music."

And from the "Burnet House, Cincinnati, Ohio, Thursday, July 8, 1852, 12 m.:

"We have just arrived at this famed city of the west. I am in good health now, notwithstanding the severe heat of the weather, and my constant duties. I wrote you from New York that we had just put the body of Mr. Clay on the boat for Albany, which was done at three o'clock Monday morning; the boat was delayed at the wharf in New York until eleven o'clock, in order that the city authorities could accompany the remains to Albany, where we arrived at 8 p.m., and the remains were escorted by some thousand in various societies and organizations, to the Legislative Hall, where they lay 'in state' all night.

"Tuesday we started for Cleveland by railroad; at Lake Erie we put the corpse on board the Steamer *Buck Eye State*, and left immediately, one o'clock midnight, to cross the lake for Cleveland, where we arrived at eleven o'clock a.m., Wednesday.

"From Cleveland we came by railroad to Columbus, arriving about dusk, and found a grand torch-light procession all ready to conduct the body to the Town Hall. At five o'clock Thursday a.m. we left Columbus for Cincinnati.

"Millions of people of all ages, sexes and conditions have expressed their grief at the departure of the great statesman."

- 4 SARAH, born 1 Jan., 1808; died 22 Sept., 1811.
- 5 - 5 JOHN, born 24 March, 1810; died 4 Nov., 1874; married LYDIA A. COOK.
- 6 - 6 JAMES DEXTER, born 12 Oct., 1812; married 17 June, 1849, at Dorchester, MRS. JOANNA B. (Ward) DYER.
- 7 - 7 EDWARD, born 4 March, 1816; married EMILY ALDEN.
- 8 - 8 DAVID LECAIN, born 4 Oct., 1819; married ANNE M. JONES.

2214K SILAS (*Jonathan, John, John, Justinian*), born 1789, probably in or near Glastonbury, Conn.; married 18 April, 1813, at Concord,<sup>1</sup> SARAH HOSMER.<sup>2</sup>

Children:<sup>2</sup>

- 1-1 SILAS MERRIAM, born 19 Sept., 1825; died— ; married SARAH W. PRENTIS.

22254 TILLY (*Daniel, Daniel, John, Justinian*), born in Concord, 1784; died in Concord, *act.* 76 years;<sup>3</sup> married 9 Jan., 1814, at Concord, MARY POTTER. He married, second, SUSAN E(ustis?).

Children, from Concord records, "of Tilly and Susan E. Holden"

- 1 SUSAN EUSTIS, born 21 Jan., 1825.
- 2 JOHN ALBERT, born 30 June, 1827.
- 3 - 3 MARSHALL HENRY, born 4 March, 1829; married MARY.
- 4 A son, born 7 Dec., 1831; died same day.
- 5 MARY ELIZABETH, born 29 Dec., 1833.

22273 REUBEN (*Samuel, Daniel, John, Justinian*), born 21 July, 1773, at New Ipswich, N. H.; died 10 Nov., 1813 (*g.s.*), at New Ipswich; married 20 Feb., 1801, at New Ipswich,<sup>4</sup> HANNAH PRITCHARD, born 11 Feb., 1780, at New Ipswich, died there 25 Aug., 1850 (*g.s.*), daughter of Amos and Anna (Andrus) Pritchard. She is named as Hannah Raymond in another account.

He was a farmer at New Ipswich and styled "gentleman" in probate proceedings. Administration on his estate was granted 15 Feb., 1814, to his widow. Guardianship of the sons was granted to Nathaniel Gould of New Ipswich.

Children, born at New Ipswich:<sup>5</sup>

- 1 JEREMIAH, born 16 March, 1803; died 1 April, 1804.
- 2 IRA SAMUEL, born 17 Nov., 1804; died 4 Jan., 1880, at Baltimore, Md.;

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> Information of Franklin Waldo Holden.

<sup>3</sup> Massachusetts Vital Returns.

<sup>4</sup> Town records where all but eldest child are recorded.

<sup>5</sup> Family Bible record. See also *History of New Ipswich*.



married 8 Dec., 1846, MRS. CATHERINE (McMURRAY) DELLINGER, born Feb., 1816, at Baltimore, died there 5 Jan., 1866, widow of Adolphus Dellinger of Cincinnati, daughter of Samuel and Sally (Sellman) McMurray. He married (2) 27 April, 1871, at Baltimore, MARY ELIZABETH ROGERS, born 9 Feb., 1822, at Baltimore, daughter of John and Julia (Nagle<sup>1</sup>) Rogers. Mr. Holden was a merchant in Baltimore where he was universally loved and respected. A brief obituary mentions his deep religious feeling and his "unceasing alms-deeds." No issue.

3-3 AMOS PRITCHARD, born 26 Jan., 1806; died 2 Oct., 1852; married MARY J. GOODMAN.

4 ELIZA ANN, born 3 Feb., 1808; died 18 Sept., 1878, at New Ipswich, unmarried.

5-5 EDWARD HOSMER, born 26 March, 1811; died 25 March, 1842 (*g.s.*); married DORCAS B. CRAGIN.

6-6 REUBEN ANDRUS, born 9 Aug., 1813; married AURELIA A. WELLS.

22361 JOHN (*John, Peter, John, Justinian*), born 1 June, 1789, at Holden (Leicester<sup>2</sup>); died 1863; married SALLY K. SMITH.<sup>2</sup>

John Holden of Holden, gentleman, mortgaged land and dwelling house in Leicester in 1808. No wife appears. He was a farmer. In 1815 his wife, Sally, joins in mortgage of twenty acres of land and buildings in Holden. The town of Holden was set off from Worcester on petition of Simon Davis and others (none of the petitioners being named Holden) dated 13 May, 1740. The town received its name in honor of Samuel Holden of London.

Children, born at Holden:

1-1 JOHN, born 16 Feb., 1820, at Holden; married MARY J. STETSON.

2 ZIPPORAH, married 24 Nov., 1842, JOHN T. TILL.

Children:

1. Sarah Till, born 17 May, 1845.

2. John Henry Till, born 28 July, 1848; died 3 Nov., 1849.<sup>3</sup>

3 HARRIET, born 9 Jan., 1814, died 29 Dec., 1900, at Holden; married April, 1851, Leonard Gleason.

22362 PETER (*John, Peter, John, Justinian*), born 25 Feb., 1790, at Holden; died at Monmouth, N. J., "aged 40"; married RUTH SYLVESTER of Massachusetts. He married, second, ELIZA PRICE of Newark, N. J. He was a card manufacturer, and lived in Leicester, Waterville, N. Y., and Newark, N. J.

Children,<sup>4</sup> born at Leicester:<sup>5</sup>

1-1 PETER SYLVESTER, born 17 Jan., 1814; married MEHITABLE EMERY.

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden obtained information from Ira S. Holden, with whom he was acquainted. Concerning Mrs. Julia (Nagle) Rogers he noted she was born 26 Sept., 1788, died 7 May, 1880, and that in 1878 she stated that her grandparents, Joseph and Juliana Nagle, came from Germany, at the time the Muhlenbergs came. Her mother, born in Philadelphia, was Catherine Warner, daughter of George and Barbara (Krebs) Warner, who came from Hanover. Her father, Henry Nagle, held her up to shake hands with Washington in 1797 or 1798. Her husband's parents, Joseph and Margaret (Peterson) Rogers, were from the north of Ireland. Barbara Krebs was daughter of Michael Krebs.

<sup>2</sup> Information of C. S. Holden, 1917.

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> Holden *Vital Records*.

<sup>5</sup> Leicester records.

- 2 MARGARET CHASE, born 4 Feb., 1815; died 7 Jan., 1818.
- 3 Child, died 9 Jan., 1818, aged 3 years, at Leicester.
- 4 MARY, born 6 Sept., 1816.
- 5 JAMES MONROE, born 22 April, 1818.
- 6 DAUGHTER.

22369 EDMOND HALL (*John, Peter, John, Justinian*), born 8 May, 1804, at Leicester; died 1867; married SARAH MARVIN (also given as Metcalf). He was an iron founder at Newark, N. J.<sup>1</sup>

Children:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 JOHN HENRY; married 27 July, 1853, HANNETTE CURRIER PAGE, born 18 Sept., 1835, daughter of Arza and Elizabeth Trundy (Currier) Page.<sup>2</sup>
- 2 DAUGHTER, died young.
- 3 DAUGHTER, died young.
- 4 DAUGHTER, died young.

2236K ASA HALL (*John, Peter, John, Justinian*), born 3 Sept. 1807, at Leicester; died at Newark, N. J.; married 5 Jan. 1832, at Newark, ANNIE LOUISA SEYMOUR, born in New York City, died 3 Nov., 1838, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (Crissy) Seymour.<sup>3</sup> He married again.

Asa H. Holden was an iron founder and manufacturer at Newark, N. J.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 MARY FRANCES, born 29 Nov., 1833, at Newark; married WILLIAM F. SEYMOUR.
- 2 EMMA LOUISA, born 17 June, 1836, at Hingham, Mass.; married PETER P. HANLENBECK; (2) JOHN BROOKS.  
Children, all deceased:
  1. F. H. Hanlenbeck, born 29 March, 1857, at Newark.
  2. Edgar Hanlenbeck, born 11 May, 1859, at St. Louis, Mo.
  3. Asa W. Hanlenbeck, born 4 Feb., 1862, at Newark.
- 3-3 EDGAR, born 3 Nov., 1838, at Hingham; married KATE HEDDEN; (2) HELEN S. BURGESS.
- 4 HENRI SEYMOUR, born 31 Aug., 1842; died 1865, of consumption. He graduated A.B., with first honors, Princeton, 1863. Although he had begun studying for the ministry, he enlisted as a private in the Union Army. He refused a commission as he did not consider he was able to perform an officer's duties. He took part in Burnside's attack on Fredericksburg. "Nature meant him for a leader, and by that instinctive perception we all possess, we recognized his right to preeminence among us. As a linguist he was particularly prominent, and his love for Greek and German literature amounted almost to a passion." (Memorial published by a classmate in 1867).

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> *Bridge Genealogy*, p. 47.

<sup>3</sup> Information of Dr. Edgar Holden, a grandson.

- 5 WILLIAM ELLIOTT, born 1 Jan., 1849.
- 6 ANNIE HALL, born 19 Aug., 1854, at Newark; married H. L. KEEPERS.
- 7 FREDRICK JAMES, died young.
- 8 CHARLES, died young.

22J21 THOMAS (*Levi, Jonas, John, Justinian*), born 5 Sept., 1779, at Sudbury; died 20 May, 1820, at Belleville, N. J.; married 7 April, 1799, at Sudbury,<sup>1</sup> ANN VOSE, born 6 June, 1773.<sup>2</sup>

The name of Thomas Holden appears as that of a private in Captain David Kilbourne's company of artillery from Orange, N. J., in the War of 1812.

Children:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 LEVI, born 19 Aug., 1799, at Sudbury;<sup>1</sup> drowned in childhood.<sup>2</sup>
- 2 MARY ANN, born 8 May, 1802, at Sudbury;<sup>1</sup> married WILLIAM ROSS SANFORD, son of George and Elizabeth (Clark) Sanford. They lived at Newark, N. J.

Children:

1. Levi Holden Sanford.
2. Thomas Holden Sanford.
3. William Ross Sanford.
4. Henry Vose Sanford.
5. George Washington Sanford.
6. Edward Sanford.
7. Charles Sanford.
8. Franklin Sanford.
9. Ann Elizabeth Sanford.
10. Emeline Sanford.
11. Ann Vose Sanford.
12. Frederick Sanford.

3-3 THOMAS, born 15 Jan., 1804, at Belleville, N. J.; married NANCY WILLIS.

4-4 FRANKLIN, born 17 Jan., 1806, at Belleville, N. J.; married CAROLINE COEYMAN.

- 5 ELIZA, born 7 June, 1809, at Belleville, N. J.; married BENJAMIN S. TATE, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Small) Tate. Lived at Newark, N. J.

Children:

1. Charles Tate, born 29 June, 1830.
2. Elizabeth Tate, born 10 Oct., 1831.
3. Franklin Holden Tate, born 20 March, 1835.
4. Theodore Tate, born 21 Nov., 1836.

22J24 GEORGE (*Levi, Jonas, John, Justinian*), born 21 July, 1785, at East Sudbury; died 21 Jan., 1847, at Newark, N. J.; married 2 May, 1807, ELIZA OGDEN NICHOLDS, born 17 Dec., 1786, died 15

<sup>1</sup> Town records.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden Ms.

May, 1809.<sup>1</sup> He married, second, MRS. MARY (Wheeler) HALSEY,<sup>1</sup> born 24 Aug., 1781, died 31 Aug., 1825, daughter of Caleb Wheeler. He married, third, MRS. JANE (Hardy) EAGLES, widow of William B. Eagles.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 MARGARET, born 24 July, 1808; died 9 Aug., 1808.

By second marriage:

- 2-2 GEORGE, born 6 Aug., 1817, at Newark, N. J.; married SARAH BROWER; (2), MRS. FAIRFIELD.
- 3 OTIS, born 26 Aug., 1821; died 14 June, 1863, unmarried.

22J25 HENRY (*Levi, Jonas, John, Justinian*), born 10 March, 1787, at East Sudbury; died 22 July, 1846, at Newark, N. J.; married ELIZA PLUM, daughter of Stephen and Nancy (Ball) Plum, born at Newark, N. J. He married, second, 1825, MARY WADE NUTTMAN, born 8 April, 1804, died 15 Aug., 1832. He married, third, SUSAN MORGAN, born 1798, (living 1878).

Children:

- 1-1 HORATIO, born 17 Oct., 1809; died 13 Feb., 1846; married ELIZA R. HALSEY.
- 2-2 HENRY, born 23 Oct., 1811; married MARY STRANG.
- 3 EMMA, born 1814; married REV. MR. GILDER, of Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 4-4 WARREN, born 1 Feb., 1817; married SYBILLA HENDEL.<sup>2</sup>
- 5 ANNA ELIZABETH, born 19 Aug., 1819, at Newark, N. J.; married JAMES JACOBUS; (2), OBADIAH ALLEN THAYER. Lived in Newark. Child:

1. Alleine Thayer, died aged five weeks.

- 6 LEVI, born 1822; died young.

By second marriage:

- 7 CAROLINE, born 1826, died young.
- 8-8 JAMES HOLMES, born 28 March, 1828; married EMILY F. BRUSH.
- 9 MARY COTTON, born 1829; died young.
- 10 SOPHIA RUCKLE, born 6 Jan., 1832, at Newark, N. J.; married GEORGE JOHN HUSS, son of George Michel<sup>3</sup> and Joanna Dora (Enzingmuller) Huss. They lived in the city of New York.

Children:

1. George Martin Huss, born 1853.
2. Johanna Dora Huss.
3. Mary Sophia Huss.
4. Henry Holden Huss.
5. Anna Babetta Huss.

<sup>1</sup> Information of Rev. Louis H. Holden, 1:17.

<sup>2</sup> According to Rev. Louis H. Holden, he married Sarah, and had Alice and Miriam, both unmarried in 1917.

<sup>3</sup> George M. Huss was living in 1876, at Roth, near Nuremberg, Germany. He had been a teacher for fifty years and received a medal from the Bavarian government. He claimed descent from John Huss, the martyr.



22J29 HORACE (*Levi, Jonas, John, Justinian*), born 5 Nov., 1793, at Sudbury; died 25 March, 1862, in New York City; married 8 Aug., 1816, BATHSHEBA SANFORD, born 8 May, 1793, died 3 Feb., 1820, daughter of Philo and Lydia (Whiting) Sanford. He married, second, 19 Feb., 1824, MARY COTTON, born 27 Nov., 1795, died 17 Aug., 1832. He married, third, 25 Dec., 1833, CATHARINE PLANT JUDSON, born 7 Feb., 1805, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Plant) Judson of Stratford, Conn., who were married 10 Sept., 1799.<sup>1</sup>

Horace Holden removed to New York City, 1809, from Newark, and became an eminent lawyer.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 HARRIET SOPHIA, born 29 July, 1817, in New York City; died 31 Dec., 1850; married, 1840, STEPHEN H. THAYER.

Children:

1. Stephen H. Thayer, born May, 1842; married 1870, ANNA THURBER.
2. Sophia H. Thayer, born May, 1845; married June, 1869, REV. HOWARD KINGSBURY.
3. Horace Holden Thayer, born Oct., 1847 [27 May, 1851<sup>1</sup>].

By second marriage:

- 2-2 JAMES COTTON, born 15 Dec., 1824, in New York City; died 13 Jan., 1908; married SARAH D. PACKARD.
- 3 SARAH COTTON, born 7 Aug., 1826; died 28 Aug., 1832.
- 4 MARY DOUGLASS, born 13 March, 1828; died 26 Aug., 1832.
- 5 ELIZA STORRS, born 23 Dec., 1829; died 6 Aug., 1860, *s.p.*; married 12 April, 1859, REV. JOSEPH FORD SUTTON, D. D.
- 6 HORACE, born 13 Feb., 1832; died 31 Aug., 1832.

By third marriage:

- 7 SARAH JUDSON, born 16 Dec., 1834; died 20 Feb., 1836.
- 8 HORACE, born 10 Aug., 1836; died 6 Aug., 1842.
- 9 CATHARINE JUDSON, born 26 April, 1838 at New York City; married 10 April, 1866, REV. JOSEPH FORD SUTTON, one of the editors of the *Presbyterian Journal* of Philadelphia. Lived in Philadelphia.  
Children:
  1. Horace Holden Sutton, born 6 July, 1867; died 13 Nov., 1874.
  2. Joseph Holden Sutton, born 23 Oct., 1869; died about 1902.
  3. Daniel Judson Sutton, born May, 1872; died 30 Nov., 1874.
  4. Edward Forrester Holden Sutton, born 15 Feb. 1874.
  5. Frederick Judson Sutton, born 3 June, 1876.
- 10 MARY STERLING, born 25 Feb., 1840; died 15 Feb., 1845.
- 11 EDWARD OGDEN, born 28 Dec., 1841; died 26 April, 1848.
- L-12 DANIEL JUDSON, born 15 Jan., 1844; died 21 June 1903; married KATE J. KNOW.

23411 ISAAC (*Isaac, Justinian, Isaac, Justinian*), born 1774, probably at Harvard, or Mason, N. H.; married PHEBE POWERS,

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*. Additions from a family record in possession of Miss Edith Holden.

born 1 Jan., 1784,<sup>1</sup> daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Cummings)<sup>1</sup> Powers of Hollis, N. H.

Isaac Holden, Jr., of Hillsboro, bought of John Nichols and Jedediah Preston, one hundred and seventeen acres, in 1795, and sold the same property two years later.<sup>2</sup> As of Ashby, joiner, he sold land in the westerly part of Ashby to Henry Wright, 19 April, 1804. No wife appeared. As of Ashby, housewright, with wife, Pheby, he sold land in Hollis, laid out to his wife as part of the estate of her father, Francis Powers, 17 June, 1805.<sup>2</sup> On 1 April, 1806, as of Mason, yeoman, he sold twenty-five acres in the northwest part of Ashby to Timothy Hartwell, on the road from Ashburnham to New Ipswich, and in this deed his wife, Phebe, appears,<sup>3</sup> and in 1807 sold sixty acres in Mason, which he purchased in 1804.<sup>4</sup>

He is not listed as head of a family in 1810 in New Hampshire, Vermont, or New York.

Child:

- 1 ISAAC NEWTON, born 27 Sept., 1806, at Mason, N. H., "of Isaac and Phebe."<sup>4</sup>

23415 PHINEAS (*Isaac, Justinian, Isaac, Justinian*), born about 1779; died 18 (24)<sup>5</sup> Feb., 1822,<sup>6</sup> in New Hampshire;<sup>6</sup> married 18 March, 1810, at Hillsboro, N. H.,<sup>7</sup> SARAH (Hartwell) ROBINSON, born 3 March, 1786, died 16 Dec., 1860, daughter of John and Susannah (Foster) Hartwell, and formerly married, 17 Oct., 1803, to George Robinson or Robertson, who deserted her in 1805,<sup>6</sup> and by whom she had a son, Levi Robinson, born 5 Oct., 1805, who died 31 July, 1878.<sup>6</sup>

Children:<sup>6</sup>

- 1 - 1 HORACE, born 21 July, 1810, at Hillsboro; died 1904; married MARY A. MILLER.
  - 2 - 2 FRANKLIN B., born 28 July, 1812; married MARY A. ABBOTT; (2) SARAH A. SANBORN; (3) MARY A. BLAISDELL.
  - 3 ISAAC, born 1 Dec., 1814;<sup>6</sup> died in infancy.
  - 4 SARAH, born 14 Dec., 1815; died 19 Oct., 1835, at Concord, N. H.
  - 5 - 5 DENNISON, born 1 Sept., 1818; died 12 March, 1869; married 30 May, 1842, SARAH A. YORK, of Haverhill, born 30 June, 1820.
  - 6 SUSANNAH, born 22 July, 1822; married ABRAHAM RUSSELL, a shipmaster, who deserted her after two years. She accompanied her brother Horace to Honolulu, and may have been married there.
- Child:
1. Charles Russell.

Very little is known of Phineas Holden. In 1810 he bought one

<sup>1</sup> *History of Hollis.*

<sup>2</sup> Worcester Deeds.

<sup>3</sup> Brown: *History of Hillsborough, N. H.*

<sup>6</sup> *Hartwell Handbook.*

<sup>2</sup> Hillsboro County, N. H., Deeds, 67:267.

<sup>4</sup> Hillsboro Deeds, 70:495, 545.

<sup>7</sup> Hillsboro Deeds, 88:241.

hundred and nineteen acres in Hillsboro.<sup>1</sup> He was a farmer in comfortable circumstances. He lived on the road from Dane Hill to Elmwood district. Today the site of his house is marked by a cellar hole.<sup>2</sup> It is stated by a descendant, Miss Marie Holden, that at his death his widow was left with small means and the labor of the children was needed to help support the family. Horace Holden in his "Narrative" tells of the death of his father, leaving five young children, three sons and two daughters.

The census of 1810 enumerated Phineas Holden as "Pin<sup>e</sup>" Holden of Hillsboro, head of a family consisting of self, aged between twenty-six and forty-five years, one female between sixteen and twenty-six years, one female and two males all under ten years. One of the males was his own son, and the other a child of his wife, as was also probably the girl under ten years.

23414 JUSTIN (*Isaac, Justinian, Isaac, Justinian*), born 1780; died 2 (26)<sup>2</sup> July, 1863;<sup>3</sup> married 2 April, 1807, at Hillsboro, LUCY HARTWELL,<sup>3</sup> born 16 July, 1788, died 5 Sept., 1880, in Michigan, at the home of her daughter, Lucy,<sup>2</sup> daughter of John and Susannah (Foster) Hartwell, sister of Sarah, wife of his brother Phineas, and of John who married his sister Sarah.

Justin Holden was a farmer and music teacher. The census of 1810 enumerated him at Hillsboro, head of a family consisting of himself, his wife, and two daughters under ten years. He lived at "Concord End."

Children:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 LUCY, born 4 June, 1807; died 3 Dec., 1893; married 29 Nov., 1827, STEPHEN WOODBURY of Antrim, N. H., born 6 Aug., 1798, at Dummerstown, N. H., died 12 Aug., 1840, son of Stephen and Betsey (Dutton) Woodbury. He was a tanner, and lived in Hillsboro and Bradford, and later removed to Bellevue, Mich. She married (2), 21 Nov., 1842, SAMUEL CLARK of Geneva, N. Y., who died 9 Oct., 1862.

Children:<sup>3</sup>

1. Justin Woodbury, born 3 Aug., 1829; died 6 Aug., 1831.
  2. Lucy Jane Woodbury, born 30 Sept., 1831; died Oct., 1853.
  3. John Woodbury, born 9 Aug., 1833; died 15 Oct., 1854.
  4. Mary Helen Woodbury, born 5 Sept., 1835; died Nov., 1835.
  5. Charles Woodbury, born 15 Dec., 1836.
  6. George Woodbury, born 25 Dec., 1839.
  7. Albert Clark, born 6 Sept., 1843.
  8. Edwin Clark, born 23 Dec., 1844.
- 2 MARY, born 19 Oct., 1808; died 8 March, 1849, in Michigan.

<sup>1</sup> Hillsboro Deeds, 88:241.

<sup>2</sup> *Hartwell Handbook*.

<sup>3</sup> Brown: *History of Hillsborough, N. H.*

23418 SALMON (*Isaac, Justinian, Isaac, Justinian*), born about 1790; died 1839, at Ottawa, Ill.;<sup>1</sup> married SUSAN ALLEN,<sup>1</sup> said to have had a brother Ethan.

Salmon Holden was of Plattsburgh, N. H., in 1818. He was of Freedom, Lasalle Co., Ill., in 1836, later of Munsontown and Ottawa, Ill.<sup>1</sup> He was a brickmaker.<sup>1</sup> His name appears as Selwyn in the History of Hillsborough.

Children:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 SARAH; married JOHN BATCHELDER.
- 2 CORNELIA; married WILLIAM WILEY.
- 3 MARY ELIZABETH; married STEPHEN JENNINGS.
- 4 SALOME; married HENRY KING.

23419 AMBROSE (*Isaac, Justinian, Isaac, Justinian*), born about 1790, at Hillsborough, N. H.; died 11 June, 1869, at Kingsville, Ohio; married SYLVIA.

He married, second, 23 July, 1835, at Conneaut, Ohio, ABIGAIL SANBORN, who died 25 Dec., 1890, and who was living in Ashtabula, Ohio, in 1878.<sup>2</sup>

Allen M. Cox, who was at funeral of first wife, deposed that the farm of Ambrose Holden was on Lake Erie, immediately west of the line between Conneaut and Kingsville.

He served 25 Sept. to 17 Nov., 1813, in Captain Amos Richardson's company of Vermont militia.<sup>2</sup> According to land bounty warrant, he served in 1812 in Captain Robinson's company, Vermont militia.

Children:<sup>2</sup> seventeen in all; most of those who survived were living in Ashtabula Co., Ohio, in 1878.<sup>2</sup>

- 1 REUBEN, aged 42 years November, 1878, a farmer in Kingsville, and who in 1878 stated he was eldest son of Ambrose and Abigail, and had a married sister living in Michigan.

26221 JONAS (*Stephen, Stephen, Joseph, Justinian*), born 3 Oct., 1780, at Westminster; died 15 March, 1861; married 17 June, 1806, at Ashburnham, LUCY BROOKS, died 11 Sept., 1808, aged 26, daughter of Simeon and Lucy (Whitcomb) Brooks of Ashburnham, Mass. He married, second, 29 May, 1814, at Westminster, ASENATH JACKSON, born 29 March, 1785, at Westminster, died 27 Jan., 1875, aged 89,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Oliver and Mary (Pierce) Jackson.

Children:<sup>4</sup>

- 1 LUCY BROOKS, born 23 Aug., 1808; died May, 1887; married 17 Jan., 1839 (intentions 31 Dec., at Westminster) SOLOMON PRATT, born 3 Dec., 1813, at Guilford, Vt., son of Solomon and Sally (Younglove) Pratt.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*, quoting *History of Lasalle County, Ill.*

<sup>2</sup> Pension records. Harriet M. Holden witnessed assignment of Ambrose Holden's bounty land warrant, 20 Nov., 1855.

<sup>3</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> Town records.



## Children:

1. Edwin A. Pratt, born 26 Aug., 1841.
2. Emma F. Pratt, born 14 Jan., 1848.

By second marriage:<sup>1</sup>

- 2 SUSAN ELVIRA, born 11 Dec., 1816; died 20 July, 1820.
- 3 SAMUEL, born 3 Feb., 1818; died same day.
- 4 BETSEY, born 11 Dec., 1819; died same day.
- 5 MARY, twin with Betsey, died day of birth.
- 6 HANDEL, born 6 Feb., 1822; died *s.p.*; married (intention 25 June, 1825) BETSEY E. M. CHAFFIN of Hampden, Me.
- 7 ABIGAIL, born 19 June, 1823; married 17 Nov., 1846, at Westminster, OLIVER BARTLETT ESTEY, born 6 Jan., 1824, at Westminster, son of Oliver and Achsah (Bartlett) Estey. Both deceased prior to 1877. Children:
  1. Frank L. Estey, born 28 Jan., 1859; died 11 Oct., 1860.
  2. Fannie E. Estey, b. 25 May, 1862; m. CHARLES W. MINOTT.

26226 LEVI (*Stephen, Stephen, Joseph, Justinian*), born 11 Jan., 1790, at Westminster; died 6 April, 1843, at Jay, N. Y.; married 6 Oct., 1816, at Westminster, MARY LINCOLN, died 1828 at Rutland, Vt., daughter of Daniel<sup>2</sup> and Chloe (Marsh) Lincoln. He married, second, at Jay, ANNA MCGILL, born 1 April, 1813, in London, Eng., died March, 1868, at Rockford, Ill., daughter of Hugh and Ann (Marston) McGill.<sup>3</sup>

At time of marriage he was living in Boston, and making voyages to the West Indies as supercargo; later in the wholesale grocery business.<sup>3</sup> He removed to Rutland, in 1824, and later to Jay.

Children:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 LEVI LINCOLN, born 30 March, 1817, at Westminster;<sup>4</sup> married CATHERINE HEAD; (2), SARAH A. (GROOM) WALLACE.
- 2-2 STEPHEN MARSH, born 4 Sept., 1819, at Westminster; died 1857.
- 3 MARY FARNSWORTH, born 19 July, 1823, at Westminster; died 12 Oct., 1844, at Fitchburg, unmarried.
- 4-4 MARQUIS LAFAYETTE, born 25 Sept., 1825, at West Rutland, Vt.; married EMILY A. WRIGHT.

## By second marriage:

- 5 WILLIAM, born Sept., 1832, at Jay; died young.
- 6 SARAH MARIAH, born Oct., 1834, at Jay; died young.
- 7 ELMIRA, born Nov., 1836, at Jay; died young.
- 8 ELIAS MARSTON, born 6 Dec., 1838, at Jay; died *s.p.* about 1899, at Neilsville, Wis.;<sup>5</sup> married 21 Aug., 1861, MARGARET HYSLIP, at Weston, Wis., born 12 Jan., 1836, at Onslow, N. S., died Oct., 1897, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Crow) Hyslip. In 1858 he began logging on the Black River, Wis. He served in Co. H, 48th Wis. Vol. In 1869 he settled at Christie; in 1877 was of Greenwood, whence he removed to Neilsville.

<sup>1</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*<sup>2</sup> Or daughter of Heman and Elizabeth Lincoln (F. A. Holden *Ms.*)<sup>3</sup> Information of Lincoln J. Holden, 1922. <sup>4</sup> Westminster records. <sup>5</sup> Hillsboro Deeds, 70:493, 545.

- 9 SOPHIA ANN, born 10 Dec., 1840; died about 1922; married 27 Dec., 1856, at Nashua, N. H., MARSHALL H. BOURNE, born ———; died 4 Nov., 1922, from whom divorced in 1871 and to whom remarried 11 Feb., 1895, at Ottawa, Kans., having in the meantime married 5 Jan., 1873, at Greenwood, Wis., JOHN RILEY COUDREY, born at Hartford, Conn; died 13 April, 1882.

Mr. Bourne served Co. I, 53d Mass. Vol. He was a cousin of President Garfield and closely resembled him in appearance. Mrs. Bourne was a woman of ability, active in church and Sunday school work. Children:

1. Charles Marshall Bourne, born 6 March, 1858, at New Boston, N. H. Lives at Minne Kahta, S. D.
  2. Nellie Sophia Bourne, born 7 April, 1860, at Winchendon; married March, 1879, Allen Eugene Else of Green Lake, Wis.
  3. Ella Adelaide Bourne, born 9 July, 1862, at Ashburnham; died 21 May, 1898, at Neilsville; married John Richardson.
  4. Frederick William Bourne, born 20 Nov., 1865, at Jamaica, Vt. Now of Fife Lake, Mich.
  5. Lillie Flora Etta Coudrey, born 12 April, 1874, at Sherwood Forest, Wis.; married Charles Matthews of Doland, S. D.
  6. Albert J. Coudrey, born 3 Nov., 1879; married May Estnif of Rapid City, S. D.
- 10 HARRIET ELLEN, born 1842, at Jay; died young.
- 11 WILLIAM, *posthumous*, was killed in the Battle of the Wilderness.

26241 NATHAN (*Elias, Stephen, Joseph, Justinian*), born 12 July, 1785, at Westminster; died 12 Jan., 1829, at Malden, Mass.; married 2 June, 1814, at Fitchburg, DORCAS HOLT, born 4 March, 1791, at Fitchburg, died at Malden, 24 Sept., 1868, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Stratton) Holt.<sup>1</sup>

Children:

- 1 DORCAS, born 30 March, 1816, at Malden; married 10 March, 1835, at Malden, IVORY PHILLIPS. Children:
  1. William Alonzo Phillips, born 12 Dec., 1838, at Taunton; died 21 Feb., 1843, at Raynham, Mass.
  2. George W. Phillips, born 2 Nov., 1841, at Raynham; married 12 June, 1867, at Malden, SARAH T. NEWHALL. He served four years in the Union Army.<sup>2</sup>
  3. Abby A. Phillips, born 11 April, 1846, Malden, Mass.; died (2)<sup>3</sup> 20 Sept., 1869, at Malden.
  4. Nancy A. Phillips, born 13 May, 1848, at Malden.
- 2 NANCY, born 30 Sept., 1817; died 30 Sept., 1818.
- 3-3 WILLIAM, born 6 Oct., 1819, at Malden; died 17 Feb., 1860, at Greenfield; married EVELINE A. WARNER.
- 4 NATHAN.<sup>3</sup>

26243 ASA<sup>4</sup> (*Elisha, Stephen, Joseph, Justinian*), born 8 July,

<sup>1</sup> *Holt Genealogy*, p. 99.

<sup>2</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> F. A. Holden *Ms.*; information of Calvin Holden; *History of Gardner*.

1790, at Westminster; died 12 March, 1869; married 1 June, 1815, DOLLY WHITNEY, born 2 Sept., 1793, at Gardner, Mass., died 10 Sept., 1856, daughter of Joshua<sup>1</sup> and Vashti (Knight) Whitney.

Children, born at Westminster:<sup>2</sup>

1 ELIZA, born 22 Jan., 1818; died 7 June, 1853, *s.p.*; married 26 Oct., 1852, JOSEPH PAYSON HOWE, born 23 March, 1852, at Gardner, son of Captain Ezekiel and Susanna Howe. She was a school teacher several years, and lived in Gardner.

2 SALOME, born 9 Oct., 1820; married, 8 June, 1841,<sup>3</sup> at Westminster,<sup>2</sup> ARTEMAS MERRIAM, a chair manufacturer, born 21 July, 1818, at Westminster, son of Joel<sup>4</sup> and Polly (Farnsworth) Merriam, grandson of Nathan Merriam who married Polly Holden (264-81).

Children:<sup>5</sup>

1. Stillman F. Merriam, born 30 May, 1843; died 7 July, 1843.<sup>6</sup>

2. Laura Merriam, born 29 July, 1844; died 15 Oct., 1844.<sup>6</sup>

3. Mary Ellen Merriam, born 28 Feb., 1846; married ADIN F. BAKER, of Westminster.

4. Ida Eliza Merriam, born 21 Nov., 1856; married 15 Dec., 1876, S. DWIGHT SIMONDS, of Athol.

5. Willie Merriam, born 9 Aug., 1859; died 13 Aug., 1859.

6. Nellie Merriam, born 31 Aug., 1861; died 4 Sept., 1861.

3-3 GEORGE, born 30 May, 1825; died 22 June, 1873; married HARRIET F. PRIEST.

4-4 CALVIN, born 30 Nov., 1826; married CHARLOTTE T. HOUGHTON;  
(2) SARAH M. UNDERWOOD.

26577 JOSEPH (*Ezra, Abner, Joseph, Justinian*), born 16 July, 1800; at Westminster; died 24 Dec., 1868, at Youngstown, N. Y.; married 2 May, 1827, at Keene,<sup>7</sup> N. H., OLIVIA (Lavinia)<sup>3</sup> DANIELS, born 16 April, 1806, died 14 March, 1830. He married, second, 15 March, 1832, at Keene, N. H., SUSAN BROWN, born 13 March, 1807, died 16 Feb., 1867.

He removed with his father to Chesterfield, N. H., where he lived until 1841, when he went to Lockport, N. Y., partly by canal, and from there to Youngstown. He was known as "Captain."

Children:

1-1 JOSEPH DANIELS, born 23 July, 1828; married OLIVE E. ENDERTON;  
married (2) MRS. MARY J. HOWE.

By second marriage:

2-2 EZRA ORLANDO, born 20 June, 1833; married JANE M. HYDE.

3 SYLVIVS HOAR, born 22 March, 1835; died 25 May, 1853.

4-4 JUSTINIAN (JUSTIN), born 7 April, 1836; died 1911; married HARRIETT L. BROWN.

<sup>1</sup> Joshua Whitney served three years in the American Revolution.

<sup>2</sup> Town records.

<sup>3</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>4</sup> Son of Nathan and Abigail (Holden) Merriam, 2648.

<sup>5</sup> *History of Westminster.*

<sup>6</sup> Gravestones at Westminster.

<sup>7</sup> N. H. Vital Statistics.

- 5 SUSAN LOVINA, born 18 Feb., 1839; died 23 July, 1839.
- 6-6 CHARLES BROWN, born 28 Oct., 1840; married ELIZABETH M. HOLDEN.
- 7 WILLIAM, born 5 Oct., 1842; died 23 Sept., 1843.
- 8 WILLIAM HOPESTILL, born 8 May, 1844, at Youngstown; married RACHEL TURNER. He settled at Watonna, Wis.
- 9 SOPHIA ELIZABETH, born 25 July, 1849, at Youngstown; married 11 Sept., 1872, at Lockport, JAMES A. LAWRENCE. Lived at Youngstown.  
Children, born at Youngstown:
  1. Agnes Isabella Lawrence, born 11 Aug., 1873.
  2. Charles Lawrence, born 10 March, 1875.
  3. James Harvey Lawrence, born 19 March, 1877.

26578 JUSTINIAN<sup>1</sup> (*Ezra, Abner, Joseph, Justinian*), born 2 July, 1802, at Westminster; died 18 March, 1858, at Keeseville, N. Y.; married 15 May, 1832, LUCY MAREAN, his cousin, born 28 Sept., 1807, at Hubbardstown, died 12 July, 1834. He married, second, 1 Sept., 1835, CHARLOTTE MAREAN, sister of his first wife, born 19 Nov., 1811, died 24 Aug., 1854, daughter of Joseph and Harrie (McLenathan) Marean. He lived in Keeseville, for thirty years.

Children born at Keeseville:

- 1 JOSEPH JUSTINIAN, born 13 April, 1833, never married; lived at Titusville, Pa., in 1877.

By second marriage:

- 2 WILLIAM HENRY, born 17 April, 1836; died 19 April, 1836.
- 3 LUCY MAREAN, born 15 Dec., 1837; died 2 Feb., 1838.
- 4 ELIZABETH MATTOCKS, born 3 Sept., 1841; died 21 May, 1842.
- 5 ELIZABETH MATTOCKS, born 3 May, 1843; married CHARLES B. HOLDEN.
- 6-6 JOHN MATTOCKS, born 27 April, 1845; married ELLEN D. HAYES.
- 7 CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA, born 27 March, 1848; married 5 June, 1877, at Titusville, Pa., D. W. FIELD.

26579 EZRA SHATTUCK (*Ezra, Abner, Joseph, Justinian*), born 17 Dec., 1810, at Westminster; died 1 April, 1867, at Porter, N. Y.; married 23 Feb., 1835, at Youngstown, N. Y., ELIZABETH DAVIS, born 28 Oct., 1817, at Chesterfield, N. H., daughter of Jason and Martha (Phillips) Davis. He lived in Youngstown, N. Y., where all the children were born except Relief.

Children:

- 1 ORLANDO WOOD, born 11 May, 1836; died 17 Feb., 1839.
- 2 EVANDER WILLARD, born 1 May, 1837; died 1 Aug., 1838.

<sup>1</sup> "In February, 1878, about 76 years after the date of my father's birth, the following anecdote was told me by my father's half-sister, Mrs. Wood, who was aged eighty-six years, widow of the late Nathan Wood. The way my father was named Justinian was as follows: my great-grandfather, Hon. Abner Holden, then (1802) aged eighty years, was in the village of Westminster, and on his way home, my aunt Lucy, aged ten years, and her sister Relief, aged thirteen years, met him and told him that they had a brother. 'Well, well,' said the old man, 'his name shall be Justinian.'" (Letter of Joseph Holden.)



- 3 HARRIET ELIZABETH, born 5 Feb., 1839; married 1 Dec., 1869, at Porter, N. Y., NATHANIEL EMMONS DAVIS. Lived at Fairbury, Neb.  
Children:  
1. Lucinda Davis.  
2. Jabez Emmons Davis.  
3. Robert Elton Davis.  
4. Jason Davis.
- 4-4 EZRA, born 19 Aug., 1840; died 16 June, 1864; married MALANTHA E. CHUBBUCK.
- 5 ORLANDO, born at Youngstown, N. Y., 16 June, 1842; married at Cambria, N. Y., 25 Nov., 1869, MINDANA MAXFIELD WOOLSON, born 1 Aug., 1846. He served four years during the Civil War as a member of Battery M, 1st New York Artillery. No children.
- 6-6 EVANDER, born 30 June, 1843; married HATTIE RICH.
- 7 MARTHA PHILLIPS, born 22 Sept., 1844; married 15 Nov., 1865, at Porter, N. Y., JOHN C. GRIFFIN, born 9 April, 1832. They lived at Ransomville, N. Y.  
Children:  
1. George C. Griffin.  
2. Ezra Holden Griffin.  
3. John Forrest Griffin.  
4. Orlando Griffin.  
5. William Elbert Griffin.  
6. Sarah Estella Griffin.
- 8-8 JASON DAVIS, born 30 June, 1846; married LUCINDA DAVIS COOPER.
- 9-9 ABNER, born 29 Aug., 1847; married ALICE JACKMAN.
- 10 DEBORAH BIGELOW, born 5 Nov., 1849; married 3 Dec., 1874, at Porter, N. Y., GEORGE F. PARKER, born 3 May, 1850, son of John W. Parker.<sup>1</sup> They lived at Youngstown, N. Y.  
Child:  
1. Helen Parker, born 30 May, 1876, at Porter.
- 11 RELIEF, born 11 Oct., 1851, at Bennington, N. Y.; died 18 Nov., 1858.
- 12 LUCINDA JOSEPHINE, born 12 March, 1855; died 7 Jan., 1863.

<sup>1</sup> Information of George F. Parker.



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R RANDALL HOLDEN, born about 1612; died 23 Aug., 1692<sup>1</sup> at Warwick; married in Rhode Island, probably in 1648, FRANCES DUGAN, daughter of William and Frances (Latham) Dugan, who is reported to have died in 1697.

Children, recorded at Warwick, the first eight entered by the town clerk at one time, probably in 1665 or 1666:<sup>2</sup>

- 1 FRANCES, born 29 Sept., 1649; died 1679; married 1 Dec., 1671, at Warwick, JOHN HOLMES, born 1649, died 2 Oct., 1712, son of Obadiah<sup>3</sup> and Catherine Holmes. He married (2) MARY, widow of William Greene.

Children:

1. John Holmes, born 1672.
2. Catherine Holmes, born 1673; died 28 Oct., 1758; married 30 Nov., 1693, JOSEPH GARDINER; (2) DANIEL WIGHTMAN.
3. Frances Holmes (perhaps by second wife); married NICHOLAS CARR.
- 2 ELIZABETH, born "in ye month of August in ye yier 1652"; married 16 July, 1674, at Warwick, JOHN RICE, born in England, 1645, died 6 Jan., 1730-1, in eighty-sixth year, at Warwick. He was deputy in 1710.

Children:

1. John Rice, born 1675; died 9 Jan., 1755; married 25 July, 1695, ELNATHAN WHIPPLE. Captain and deputy.
2. Randall Rice, died prior to Aug., 1742; married ELIZABETH.
- 3 MARY, born "in ye month of August in the yier 1652"; married 1 Dec., 1671, at Warwick, JOHN CARDER, died 26 Oct., 1700, son of Richard and Mary Carder. He married a second wife, HANNAH, who survived him, and who was to bring up the two youngest children, Sarah and Joseph.

Children:

1. John Carder, born 6 March, 1673; died 1749; married 25 Dec., 1701, ELIZABETH PAINE.
2. Mary Carder, born 11 Sept., 1677; married 1700, RICHARD GREENE.<sup>4</sup> Did she marry, second, at Bristol, 11 March, 1727-8, Jabez Howland?
3. William Carder, of New London; lost at sea, prior to Aug., 1714, probably in 1708; unmarried.
4. Richard Carder, of New London; married MARY RICHARDSON; lost at sea about 1708.

<sup>1</sup> Austin: *Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island*; this date is given as 23 July, by Fuller.

<sup>2</sup> "The Births of ye Children of Captaine Randall Houldon Borne in The Towne of Warwicke." All are given as of Randall and Frances.

<sup>3</sup> Obadiah Holmes, like Samuel Gorton and Randall Holden, was from Lancashire.

<sup>4</sup> Richard Greene was brother of Benjamin Greene who married Susan Holden R-10.

- 4 JOHN, born "in ye month of January in ye yier 1656." He was one of "those found capable to do some service for the town in the Colony Courts" who were admitted freemen 13 Feb., 1677.<sup>1</sup> On 16 Oct., 1678, he was chosen on the jury of trials. On the 31 Oct., 1677, he was one of the grantees of the five thousand acre tract to be called East Greenwich. Moses Brown<sup>2</sup> says of him that he was drowned in middle age; certainly all mention of him ceases with 1678, unless by chance he was the witness to a deed of 1705. There are no conveyances of land to him on Warwick records.
- 5 SARAH, born "in ye month of February in ye yier 1658"; died [will proved 28 June], 1731; married JOSEPH STAFFORD, born 21 March, 1648, living 1697, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Stafford. Joseph Stafford settled near the "greet wier" on line between Cranston and Warwick. He was admitted freeman at Warwick in 1677.<sup>3</sup> An unsigned deed giving to "son in law" Joseph Stafford, for love and affection, by which Randall Holden intended to convey to him all his right in lands on the north side of the river running down to Pawtuxet Falls in Warwick, and share in meadow and upland, was executed by Randall Holden, Jr., 29 June, 1693. The following memorandum is appended to the deed, "This gift above mentioned was given several years past by my honored father Randall Holden late deceased, but an assurance thereof in his lifetime neglected to be signed, therefor I, Randall Holden his son and heir at law to his estate take it upon me to sign and seal this deed."<sup>4</sup> Sarah Stafford left a will dated 5 Jan., 1727; proved 28 June, 1731. Children:
1. Stukeley Stafford, died 4 June, 1740; married ELIZABETH WATERMAN. Deputy.
  2. Joseph Stafford, living in 1746; married SUSANNA GORTON; (2) MARGARET (HULING) HAVENS. He was many years a deputy, and major and colonel.
  3. John Stafford, died 1753; married ELIZABETH. Captain.
  4. Frances Stafford, married 1 Dec., 1701, BENJAMIN CONGDON.
  5. Elizabeth Stafford, died 21 Aug., 1756; married WILLIAM CASE; (2) 27 June, 1730, ISRAEL ARNOLD.
  6. Mary Stafford, married PASCO WHITFORD.
  7. Sarah Stafford, died prior to 1727; married JOSEPH SMITH.
  8. Margaret Stafford, married ——— PLACE.
- 6-6 RANDALL, born "in ye month of April in ye yier 1660"; died 13 Sept., 1726; married BETHIA WATERMAN.
- 7 MARGARET, born "in ye month of January in ye yier 1663"; died 1740; married JOHN ELDRED, died 1724, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Eldred. Lived in North Kingston, where he was prominent. Captain, treasurer, deputy.

<sup>1</sup> Town Records.

<sup>2</sup> Moses Brown more than a century ago, collected many documents and statements by elderly people of his time. These collections are in the library of the Rhode Island Historical Society and are the source of many statements made by Austin in his valuable *Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island*. Brown listed the first two generations of Randall Holden's descendants, as known to him, with some additional facts.

<sup>3</sup> Fuller: *History of Warwick*.

<sup>4</sup> Warwick Deeds, 1:150.

## Children:

1. James Eldred, had administration on mother's estate, 1740.
2. Thomas Eldred.
3. Samuel Eldred.
4. Robert Eldred.
5. Anthony Eldred.
6. William Eldred.
7. Margaret Eldred, married 12 June, 1718, WILLIAM GARDINER.
8. Abigail Eldred.
9. Barbara Eldred.

8-8 CHARLES, born 22 March, 1665-6; died 21 July, 1717; married CATHERINE GREENE.

- 9 BARBARA, born "second of July, 1668 one a thursday night"; on the town record her name is entered "Barbery"; died 1707; married 4 June, 1691,<sup>1</sup> SAMUEL WICKHAM, born 16 June, 1664, died about 1712 in Kingstown. He was deputy several years, also clerk of the Assembly. He married (3) 23 May, 1707, MARY, widow of Enoch Place. His children by Ann, his first wife, died in infancy.

## Children:

1. Sarah Wickham, born 9 March, 1692.
2. Samuel Wickham, born 2 Sept., 1693; died 23 Feb., 1753; married 17 March, 1723, ELIZABETH COLLINS. He lived in Newport, was deputy and speaker of the House of Deputies.
3. John Wickham, born 26 June, 1695; died 20 June, 1729, at Newport.
4. Gideon Wickham, born Jan., 1696-7.
5. Mary Wickham, born 15 July, 1698.
6. Thomas Wickham, born 30 July, 1700; died 19 Sept., 1777; married 23 March, 1725, HANNAH BREWER of Newport. Captain, deputy, merchant.
7. Benjamin Wickham, born 17 Nov., 1701; died 10 Sept., 1779; married 11 Sept., 1733, in London, REBECCA WATMOUGH; (2) 25 Dec., 1743, MARY GARDINER. Lieutenant-Colonel, Speaker of House. Of Newport, merchant.
8. Charles Wickham, born 6 Dec., 1703; died 6 Sept., 1787; married REBECCA BREWER. Of Newport.
9. William Wickham, born 1 Jan., 1705, of Newport; married ANNA.
10. Barbara Wickham, born 5 Oct., 1707; married 28 Jan., 1736, JOHN COTTRELL.
- 10 SUSAN, born 8 Dec., 1670, "one a thursday morning one hower before day"; died 11 April, 1734; married (as Susannah), 21 Jan., 1689-90, at Warwick, CAPTAIN BENJAMIN GREENE, born 10 Jan., 1665-6, died 22 Feb., 1757, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Barton) Greene.<sup>2</sup> He had gift of fifty acres at Coweset, 29 April, 1690, from Randall Holden, Sr.

Austin: *Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island*.

<sup>2</sup> *Greene Family of Rhode Island*.

## Children:

1. Benjamin Greene, born 10 June, 1691; died 11 March, 1714-15; married PHEBE ARNOLD.
  2. Susannah Greene, born 16 July, 1694; married 10 June, 1714, PHILIP ARNOLD.
  3. Catherine Greene, born 31 March, 1698; married 30 Dec., 1719, GOVERNOR WILLIAM GREENE, SR.
  4. Thomas Greene, born 30 Nov., 1701; died 15 Feb., 1702.
  5. Elizabeth Greene, born 26 June, 1706; died 6 Sept., 1753; married 31 Aug., 1726, JAMES ALLEN; (2) JOHN FRYE.
  6. Margaret Greene, born 16 Jan., 1707; died 30 June, 1730; married 8 Jan., 1729, PARDON TILLINGHAST of Providence.
- 11 ANTHONY, born 15 Oct., 1673, "upon A Wenesday." No further trace is found of him unless he is that Anthony Holding, named in a proclamation by Thomas Povey, Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts, 24 May, 1704, as one of the crew of the brigantine *Charles*, Captain John Quelch, which had come into Boston with gold dust and bars and other spoil suspected to have been taken from an ally, and to have shared the spoil without lawful adjudication. Holden was among those who escaped. John Quelch, the leader, and several of his company, some of them of Boston and vicinity, were captured, convicted, and hung as pirates. See Sewall's Diary for what little is known of this affair. Quelch had captured a Spanish galleon homeward bound from New Spain.

Randall Holden, who himself wrote his name Howldon, is said to have come from "Salisbury." This statement is traced back to 1800, but its origin is not known. His associate, John Greene, with whose descendants the descendants of Randall Holden intermarried, came from Salisbury in Wiltshire, and this coincidence is probably the origin of the supposition that the Salisbury whence came Randall Holden was in that county. However, no trace of Randall Holden is found there.<sup>1</sup> Near Salisbury in Lancashire, which is in Blackburne parish, is a place called Ewood, and there in the first quarter of the seventeenth century lived Randall Holden, gentleman, who was buried 26 Nov., 1623, and his widow the year following. Randall Holden, the emigrant, was born probably in 1612. The parish register of Blackburn in which parish Ewood and Salesbury are situated, although fairly complete from 1600, lacks the record for the years 1610-14. The transcripts for those years are also lost, except for March 1611 to the following March. The name Randall appears to be confined to the Ewood branch of the family. Exactly what relationship existed between the Ewood branch and other fam-

<sup>1</sup>Mr. Frederick A. Holden wrote to a cousin: "I am corresponding with that great American antiquarian and genealogist, now in England, H. B. Somerby, Esq., and hope through that gentleman to obtain such facts as will make my exertions, in addition to his, interesting to all our name." This was in the late sixties, and at that time Mr. Holden did not know whether or not Randall was a brother of Richard and Justinian. Nothing came of this correspondence.



ilies in the parish and in that of Whalley — they were all of the same stock — has not yet developed.

Anthony Holden of Whalley married 10 Nov., 1567, Isabella Browne, the daughter of Henry Browne. She is also called Elizabeth, but was buried under the name of Isabella, 24 Nov., 1585. The following year Anthony married Isabella Norram. The only son of record born to Anthony was John, baptized 23 May, 1572. This is the only occurrence of the name Anthony so far found in the Lancashire Holden family.

It has not been possible to trace the history of John son of Anthony nor to learn with assurance the parentage of Anthony of Whalley and Randall of Ewood. The fact that Randall Holden of Rhode Island named his sons, John, Randall, Charles and Anthony, may have some bearing on the mooted question that perhaps Randall was son of John and that the latter was son of Anthony and cousin of Randall Holden of Ewood.<sup>1</sup> The ancient home of the Gorton family, of which Samuel Gorton proudly claimed to be a member, was not far distant.

Randall Holden was about twenty-six years of age when he settled at Aquidneck, and was unmarried. He preceded Gorton to that place, and no hint of a former acquaintance between them is found. Holden was twenty years younger than Gorton, was early attracted to the older man, and became his chief lieutenant. He never hesitated to assume the initiative, and was a better balanced man than Gorton. As the latter advanced in years, his place as leader of the Warwick settlement was taken by Holden.

Randall Holden first appears in New England as one of the signers of a covenant by which the subscribers incorporated themselves into a body politic, with the intention of planting a settlement beyond the limits of Massachusetts Bay Colony. This covenant is dated "7th day of the first month 1638,"<sup>2</sup> and it is supposed was entered into at Boston. Holden's name is the last of the original signers.

There is no mention in Boston or in Colony records of Randall Holden prior to his settlement in Rhode Island. The date, so early in the new year as March, would seem to preclude the supposition that he had but just arrived; it is more likely that he had spent the winter in Boston, and like Clark found the winter so cold that in the spring he sought a warmer climate.

John Clark, who came from Suffolk, writing in 1652<sup>3</sup> recounted his first experiences in New England. He stated that he arrived at Boston in November, 1637. He attached himself to the party of

<sup>1</sup> Extensive but not exhaustive search has been made in many series of records likely to throw light on the history of the minor branches of the Lancashire family. See Introduction for a very brief survey of the situation.

<sup>2</sup> 1637-8. The settlers of Aquidneck accepted the first day of March as the beginning of their new year.

<sup>3</sup> *Ill News from New England*.

Coddington and Hutchinson. To quote his own words, "I thought it not strange to see men differ about matters of Heaven, for I expect no less upon Earth: But to see that they were not able so to bear with each other in their different understandings and consciences, as in those utmost parts of the World to live peaceable together, whereupon I moved the latter, for as much as the land was before us and wide enough, with the profer of Abraham to Lot, and for peace sake to turn aside to the right hand, or to the left; The motion was readily accepted, and I was requested with some others to seek out a place, which accordingly I was ready to do; and thereupon by reason of the suffocating heat of the Summer before, I went to the North to be somewhat cooler, but the winter following proving so cold, that we were forced in the Spring to make towards the South."

During the winter of 1637 it is to be inferred Clark was in New Hampshire, but no mention has been found of Holden in that settlement.

Clark relates that it was in the minds of his party to proceed to Long Island or Delaware Bay, but having journeyed overland to Providence, where the ship was to meet them, they were led by Roger Williams to consider either a settlement on the eastern shores of Narragansett Bay, or on the island of Aquidneck. Taking Williams with them, the leaders of the party travelled to Plymouth where they obtained assurance that the island was not claimed as part of the Plymouth jurisdiction, and if they settled there would be looked upon as "loving neighbors."

The leaders of the party, which Mr. Howard M. Chapin says consisted certainly of William Coddington, William Hutchinson, John Clark, and Randall Holden,<sup>1</sup> determined to purchase Aquidneck (Rhode Island).

Through the mediation of Roger Williams a deed was procured from the Indian sachems Canonicus and Miantinomo, 24 March, 1637-8. To the signatures of the Indians Randall Holden was a witness.

As Holden was a man without family it is likely that he was one of the first of the purchasers to settle upon the island. Several families had gone thither soon after the purchase. The first meeting of the proprietors was held 13 May, 1638, and the name of Holden appears among those present. Gorton, driven from Plymouth, probably arrived on the island in December, 1638. He became at once a factor in the new settlement and, joining with Mrs. Hutchinson, effected a *coup d'état*, bringing about the substitution of the Hutchinson faction for that of Coddington's, which controlled affairs to the time of the April meeting, 1639. Coddington and many of his party

<sup>1</sup> *Documentary History of Rhode Island*, 2:25.

seceded and settled at Newport, leaving the others in possession of Pocasset, or Portsmouth as it soon became called. Holden's name appears neither upon the list of those who subscribed the compact of 30 April, 1639, adherents of Gorton and Hutchinson, nor on the list of those who, adhering to Coddington, retired to Newport. He remained at Pocasset, and because of what followed and his later close connection with Gorton there can be but little doubt he was one of the men active in ousting Coddington from office.

The first business of the General Court held at Newport, 12 March, 1639-40, was the acceptance of Mr. William Hutchinson and several others, including Randall Holden, who "desired to be reunited to this body and readily Imbraced by us." Many freemen were admitted and officers were elected, and the reunion of the two settlements effected. At the General Court of Election held the following year, 16 and 17 March, 1641, the first business was the disfranchisement of Richard Carder, Randall Holden, Sampson Shatton, and Robert Potter. It was also ordered that "if John Weeks, Randall Holden, Richard Carder, Sampson Shotton or Robert Porter shall come upon the island armed, they shall be by the constable disarmed and carried before the magistrate and there find sureties for their good behaviour."

Holden was undoubtedly one of the party of Gorton, who also had been forced to leave Aquidneck, who applied for admission as townsmen of Providence, prior to 25 May, 1641. This was refused, but they were permitted to make their residence in that part called Pawtuxet, where they joined forces with Francis Weston and John Greene, opponents to the faction then in power. Randall Holden is next mentioned 15 Nov., 1641, as participating in the rescue of Weston's cattle from attachment for debt.<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts being appealed to by many of Providence, to lend assistance in enforcing the law, refused, unless the inhabitants should submit wholly to its jurisdiction. Gorton and his party had settled on land belonging to Robert Coles, for which on 10 Jan., 1641-2, Gorton received from Coles a deed. There they began to build but soon found themselves in trouble with William Arnold, who with others now subjected himself to the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and, by obtaining the submission of two minor sachems, Pumham and Socononoco, brought the Gorton party in conflict with that colony. In November, 1642, Gorton and the others removed to a tract of land south of Pawtuxet, without the bounds of Providence and beyond the territory which had passed under Massachusetts jurisdiction by the submission of its inhabitants. Here they bought of Miantinomo, Shawomet, a territory of great extent, nearly one hundred square miles, embracing what later was known as Warwick, and extending westerly to the

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Archives, 2:20.



Connecticut line. Settling there they sent a letter to the Massachusetts authorities, signed by twelve settlers, the second to sign being Randall Holden. This letter is dated 20 Nov., 1642. The deed from Miantinomo was obtained 12 Jan., 1642-3, the first named of the twelve grantees being Randall Holden. The following September Holden signed a long, rambling letter addressed to the "honoured Idol Generall, now set up in the Massachusetts," subscribing it "the joynt act, not of the Court Generall, but of the peculiar fellowship, now abiding upon Mshawomet."

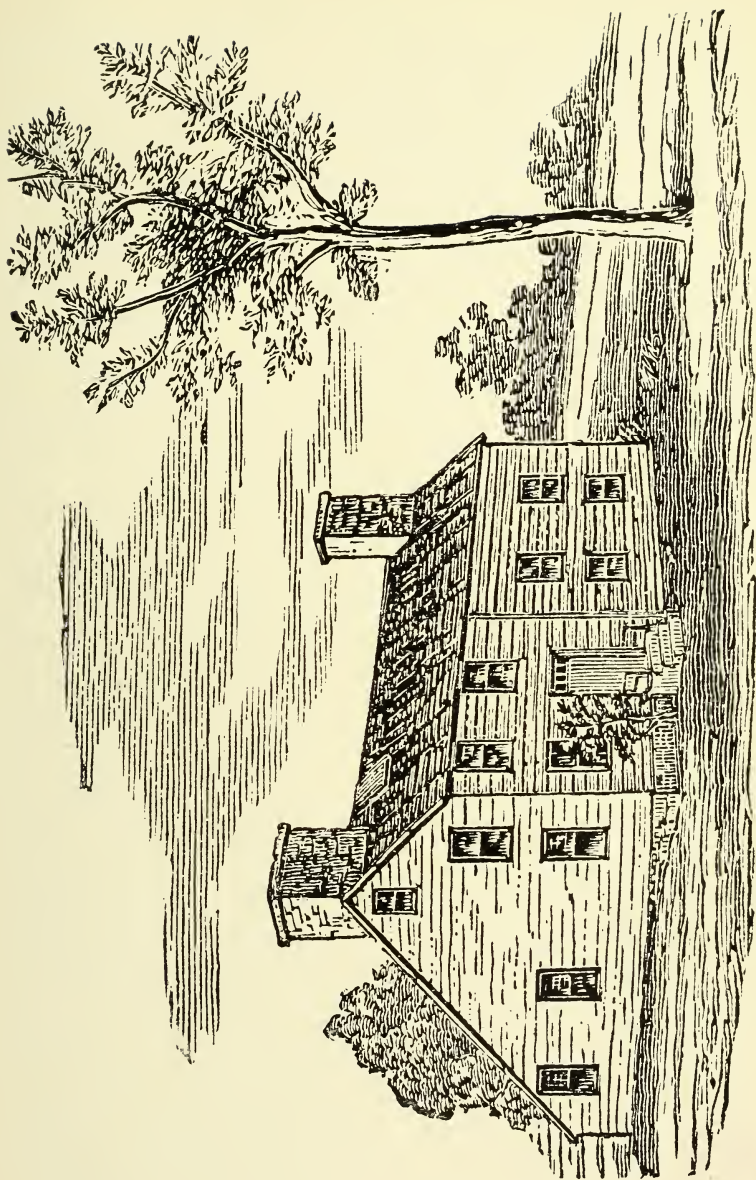
Massachusetts now determined to exert her authority. Commissioners with a small military force were sent to hear the charges made against Gorton and others. In October, the women and children having been sent away, after a stout resistance by the men of the party who held the chief building in the settlement, much powder being burned and many threats made, with injury to none, the stronger party obtained the surrender of Gorton and his friends, who were taken rather ignominiously prisoners to Boston. This was a high-handed proceeding, not entirely justified by what we are now able to learn of the circumstances.

Eight of the ten prisoners were sentenced to be confined, each in a different town, there to be set to work, and forbidden to agitate their opinions, under threat of death. Randall Holden was sent to Salem. This was 17 Oct., 1643, less than a fortnight after their surrender at Shawomet. From a letter of Downing to Winthrop, dated at Salem, 6 Dec., 1643, it appears Holden did not heed the order of the Court. On his release in the following March, by order dated 7 Jan., 1643-4, he was forbidden to return within the jurisdiction of Massachusetts under penalty of death.

Many years later, in December, 1678, when in England with John Greene, Holden, in his petition to the King, described his experiences during this term of imprisonment:

"Your petitioners have been inhabitants in the towne of Warwick about 35 years. But before we were settled severall misunderstandings began to arise between the Colony of the Massachusetts & the petitioners, about matters in religion. For although that tract of land on which we sett downe was alowed & declared by themselves to be without their patent line, yet on a suddaine, we were seized on by soldiers sent from that Government, and many of us were tried for our lives by their arbitrary proceedings, without either jury or accusers, & saved by the majority of two voates onely; after which imprisoned & confined halfe a year in the winter season, with iron both on our leggs, and forced to worke for our subsistence; then banished from thence, & also from our owne habitations, never to return againe. . . . That about the year 1644 your petitioners came to England to make our compalint to your royall father of





RANDALL HOLDEN HOUSE, WARWICK

Drawn from memory. (From Fuller's History of Warwick)



ever blessed memory, & to obtaine satisfaction for our great losse & damages. . . . But our dear & native country was involved in such unnaturall broyles & disturbances, that our designes were frustrated, & we returned home."

During the period of the confinement of the leaders in Massachusetts the settlement at Shawomet was abandoned, but the buildings were still standing on their return, as Gorton mentions they stayed one night there before passing over to Aquidneck where their families were.

Gorton as well as Holden visited England in 1644. Holden returned first, having a safe conduct through Massachusetts given by order of the Earl of Warwick. Gorton returned in May, 1648.

Holden and Greene returned from England in September, 1646, and repaired to Shawomet, which was now a part of the colony of Providence Plantations, for which Roger Williams had obtained a charter under date of 14 March, 1643-4. Williams had gone to England for that purpose in February of the preceding year, and returned in September, 1644, with the charter.

Soon after the return of the prisoners from Boston in the early spring of 1644, the Massachusetts authorities had caused a strong palisaded house to be erected at Shawomet. This was done on the petition of Pumham and Sacanonoco, the Indian sachems who had brought the charges against Gorton and his company. The site of this fortified place may still be seen on the east side of the Cove, on the point commanding the entrance, and just north of the present railroad bridge connecting Warwick Neck with Oakland Beach, and was formerly the property of John Holden who owned the so-called Foster place.

Chapin says that Gorton and Holden went to England in the autumn of 1645, prior to November 20, and obtained from the Parliamentary Commissioners, 15 May, 1646, an order to Massachusetts to permit the return of the Warwick settlers and the restoration of their lands. In October of that year the former Warwick settlers were still living on Aquidneck, although the preceding year they were represented in the new charter government, by Samuel Gorton, who was acting as commissioner in August, 1645.

The first meeting held at Warwick, after the return of the settlers, was on 1 May, 1647. On 19 May, Holden, Gorton and others were sent as commissioners to represent the town in the General Assembly, and at that session it was voted "that Warwick should have the same privilege as Portsmouth."

Randall Holden was a member of the town council in 1647, and frequently moderator of town meetings. At the town meeting of 5 June, 1648, he was elected treasurer, and from this time, for many years, he was one of the most important and active of the citizens

of the town. He was sent to Plymouth in 1648 to inform the Commissioners of the United Colonies regarding an order the town had received from the "State of England." He was chosen assistant in 1646, and for nine years thereafter in the period to 1676, inclusive. He was nine times commissioner in the period 1652 and 1663, inclusive, and served as deputy ten years, between 1666 to 1686 inclusive. Hardly a year passed but he was the representative, one way or another, of the town in the Colony government.

In 1665 he was one of those named by the Royal Commissioners as justices of the peace for the King's Province, to serve until the following May when the Governor, Deputy Governor and Assistants were to assume office as such.

With the rest of the inhabitants of Warwick he was forced to leave his home when the town was abandoned in March, 1676, succeeding which the Indian enemy destroyed all but one of the buildings. He returned with the others, and almost immediately was sent to England by the town, soon after November, 1677, to protect the town's claim to former purchases from the Indians. John Greene again accompanied him. They returned early in 1678. Holden was certainly in England from July, 1678 to January, 1678-9. In 1681 he was chosen moderator.

In 1683 he was one of a committee to draft a letter to the King, and in 1687-1688 was justice of the Court of Common Pleas.

It was after his return from England in 1646 that Randall Holden married. He took to wife Frances Dugan, the step-daughter of Jeremiah Clarke, one of the most important men of the Newport community.

In giving testimony, 24 June, 1669, regarding the original grant of Dyer's Island, Holden gave his age as 57 years or thereabouts. This would make him born about 1612, and 80 years old at his death, 23 Aug., 1692.

Randall Holden settled in what is now known as Old Warwick. His house built after his return to the devastated town, in 1677, was in the present Main Street, and a sketch drawn from memory by Mrs. John W. Greene, is reproduced in Fuller's "History of Warwick," and copied here.

Not only did Randall Holden have his proportion of lands in Old Warwick on the Neck, part of which long remained in the family, but he participated in the various divisions of common lands among the proprietors. Thus he, and later his representatives, obtained land at Cowesit, in Coventry, and in other sections of the town. He himself obtained one of the five Wecochaconet farms of four hundred acres, his being the most northerly, and bounding on the Pawtuxet River, including a large part of what later became known as Natick.



He also became possessed by purchase of lands in the King's Province, and acted as agent for others in procuring grants of lands from the Indians.

His qualifications, both as a leader of men and possessor of landed and other estate, were equal to any in the community in which he lived.

## SECOND GENERATION

R6 MAJOR RANDALL (*Randall*), born April, 1660, at Warwick; died there 13 Sept., 1726;<sup>1</sup> married 27 Jan., 1686-7,<sup>2</sup> BETHIAH WATERMAN, born about 1664, died 23 July, 1742, daughter of Nathaniel and Susanna (Carder) Waterman.

Children, (as given by Austin — not in Arnold's Warwick records):

- 1 JOHN, born 26 Oct., 1687; will dated 9 Jan., 1747-8, proved 17 Feb., 1749, at Warwick; married HANNAH —, who married, second, 11 Jan., 1750-1, at Warwick, James Mason, of Warren, Esq. She is said to have also married Richard Searle of Cranston and died prior to April, 1770.<sup>3</sup> John Holden was of Warwick, a cordwainer. By his will, of which his wife Hannah was executrix, he gave to his brother Randall his lands in Coventry joining his farm there and an equal share of the rest of his lands there with the children of his deceased sisters, Waite Holden, Mary Rice, and Frances Low.<sup>4</sup> To wife all the rest of his lands not disposed of, for life, and after her death to sisters' children. Two negroes, Violet and Duchess, he gave his wife, and provided for her enjoyment of the land which was hers at the time she married him, or the proceeds of the sale of that land, also £200. Inventory of his estate disclosed £1349, including a "silver cup", house and "shop."
  - 2 WAIT, born 26 Feb., 1690; d.y.
  - 3 SUSANNA, born 21 Jan., 1692; died 13 June, 1745, unmarried. Inventory of her estate, 10 March, 1745-6, disclosed bonds of Captain Thomas Rice and William Holden, each originally for £55. She was evidently living with and under the care of her brother John.
  - 4-4 RANDALL, born 2 Feb., 1694; died 1766; married ROSE WICKS.
  - 5 WAIT, born 2 Sept., 1696; died prior to 1748; married WILLIAM HOLDEN.
  - 6 MARY, born 15 March, 1699; died 1738-40; married CAPTAIN THOMAS RICE of Warwick, who married, second, 1740, ———.
- Children, born at Warwick:
1. Freelove Rice, born 22 July, 1722; married 19 June, 1740, JEREMIAH WEBB.<sup>5</sup>
  2. Dorothy Rice, born 30 Oct., 1723; married JOHN HOLDEN.<sup>5</sup>
  3. Mary Rice, born 18 Sept., 1725; married June, 1742, RICHARD GREENE.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Inventory in Warwick Probate.

<sup>2</sup> Austin: *Genealogical Dictionary of R. I.*

<sup>3</sup> Richard Searle in his will of this date mentions lands left her by her first husband. He was father of Alice, wife of Anthony Holden.

<sup>4</sup> The children, seventeen in number, are named in a conveyance by Hannah Holden, widow, to them, 29 Dec., 1750, by which for £100 they are granted the house and lands occupied by the grantor. (Warwick Deeds, 7:469.) In 1763 fourteen of the heirs join in selling part of the estate left them by John Holden.

<sup>5</sup> Join with heirs of sisters of their mother, 24 Feb., 1763, in conveying mansion of house of John Holden to John Low.

4. Bethiah Rice, born 1 Nov., 1727; married JOHN LIPPITT.<sup>1</sup>
5. Ellen Rice, born 26 Nov., 1729; died prior to Dec., 1750.
6. Holden Rice, born 10 May, 1732; married 2 June, 1751, ELIZABETH WARNER.<sup>1</sup>
7. Frances Rice, born 11 Jan., 1734-5; married 19 May, 1751, EBENEZER GRAVES;<sup>1</sup> married, second, DR. SAMUEL GORTON.
8. Robe Rice, born 27 March, 1736; married ROEL REMINGTON.<sup>1</sup>
9. Anthony Rice, born 2 April, 1738; living Dec., 1750.
10. Waite Rice, born 2 April, 1738; married CHARLES HOLDEN, JR.<sup>1</sup>
- 7 FRANCES, born 29 Sept., 1701; died prior to 1747; married CAPTAIN JOHN Low, of Warwick, born 8 Oct., 1702, son of Anthony and Mary (Arnold) Low.  
Children:
  1. Anthony Low,<sup>2</sup> born 1725; died 1802; married 1 Jan., 1754<sup>3</sup> PHEBE GREENE; married, second, 2 Jan., 1766, SARAH STAFFORD.<sup>4</sup> See R642-K.
  2. Mary Low,<sup>2</sup> married 1 Jan., 1747-8, JOSEPH POTTER, of Providence.<sup>3</sup>
  3. Frances Low, probably deceased unmarried. Living 1737, but not living in December, 1750.

Randall Holden left a will dated 19 Nov., 1718, proved 5 Nov., 1726, at Warwick, of which his son Randall was appointed executor. To "eldest son John" he gave right of land at Seven Men's Farm in Warwick and half a township right in Warwick Commons, etc. To wife Bethia. To daughter Susanna, £100 in care of wife, and after Susanna's death to her children. Daughters Wait, Mary and Frances Holden, each £100. To wife one half of real and personal estate as long as she remains unmarried, and after her death to son Randall; and if she marry to have £200.

Inventory, 24 Oct., 1726, £549-15-9. Additional inventory of real estate 14 Oct., 1742, two parcels of land, one of 19 acres and one of 10 acres, at £30 and £25 per acre respectively.

Bethia Holden left a will dated 8 Aug., 1737, proved 13 July, 1742, at Warwick. Sons-in-law, William Holden and Thomas Rice, executors. To eldest son, John, or his legal representatives, a silver cup and other articles. Younger son, Randall. Daughter Susannah Holden for life. Son John one-quarter of residue. Daughter Weight, wife of William Holden, and daughter Mary, wife of Thomas Rice, each a quarter of residue, and remaining quarter to Anthony, Mary, Frances, children of deceased daughter Frances Low, late of Warwick.

Inventory, personal property, £201-11-6, including two silver cups, eight silver spoons and much pewter.

In 1709 Randall and Charles Holden were each proprietors of

<sup>1</sup> Join with heirs of sisters of their mother, 24 Feb. 1763, in conveying mansion house of John Holden to John Low.

<sup>2</sup> Joined with Rice and Holden heirs conveying mansion house of uncle, John Holden, 1763.

<sup>3</sup> Warwick records.

<sup>4</sup> Greene Family.

one-fiftieth part of the West Greenwich grant. On 3 July, 1725, Randall Holden granted to son Randall, for love and affection, all that part of housing that was last built, and one-half of lands and orchards in the Four-Mile Township, except two shares in meadow and the right of voting on the Commonage which belonged to his father, which he reserves to himself.<sup>1</sup> William Holden, Wait Holden, Thomas Rice, Mary Rice, John Low, Frances Low, convey to brother Randall Holden, land in Warwick, 7 Dec., 1726.

Moses Brown states that Randall Holden settled in the "lower part of Warwick." He was an active and influential man in town and county.

Justice of the Peace for Warwick, 1698-1704. Deputy to General Assembly, 1696, 1699, 1700, 1704, 1714, 1715, 1721. One of commissioners who settled the Connecticut boundary, 12 May, 1703, and 28 Oct., 1719, appointed to run the line. Assistant, 1705-25, except 1714, and Speaker of House of Deputies 1714-15. Major of the Militia "for the Main," 1706, 1707. On committee on vacant lands in Narragansett, April, 1708. Refused commission as colonel of 2d Regiment, 1718.

R8 CHARLES (*Randall*), of Warwick, born there 22 March, 1665-6; died there 21 July, 1717, leaving a will dated 12 July, which was proved at Warwick 17 August following; married KATHERINE GREENE, born 15 Aug., 1665, died 1753, daughter of John and Ann (Almy) Greene. Her will was dated 22 June, 1753, and proved at Warwick 8 December following.

Children, births not of record:<sup>2</sup>

1 FRANCES, born 9 Jan., 1689-90; died prior to 1753; married JOB BENNETT (son of Robert), of Newport. She is known to have had a son Job, and as there appear on Newport records between the years 1740 and 1760, marriages of Job,<sup>3</sup> Frances,<sup>3</sup> Anthony, and Penelope Bennett, it may be assumed they were her children.

2 ANN, born 25 March, 1691; married JOHN LOW of Warwick, known as "senior", who died intestate 1757, son of John and Mary (Rhodes) Low, uncle of Captain John Low, R6-7.

Children:

1. Anthony Low, of Warwick, known as "Captain."

2. John Low, "Junior", of Warwick.

3. Ann Low.

3-3 ANTHONY, born 8 Dec., 1693; died 13 May, 1720; married PHEBE RHODES, sister to John Rhodes above.

4 CATHERINE, born 6 Aug., 1694; died 25 July, 1731, at Warwick;

<sup>1</sup> Warwick Deeds, 3:281.

<sup>2</sup> The dates given are from the *Greene Family*, presumably from a Holden Bible in existence in 1867.

<sup>3</sup> Job Bennett and Frances Nichols received bequests under their grandmother's will. Frances Bennett married, at Newport, 1743, Benjamin Nichols. Job Bennett and Mary ——— were married 1741, and Job Bennett and Abigail Dyer, 1757.



married there 29 April, 1713-4, MAJOR JOHN RHODES, born 20 Nov., 1691, died 1776, son of John and Waite (Waterman) Rhodes. He married, second, MARY, widow of James Whipple. He was locally prominent, and for several years deputy to the General Assembly.

Children:

1. Waite (Waight) Rhodes, born 29 Dec., 1714; died 13 Oct., 1768;<sup>1</sup> married 26 April, 1732,<sup>1</sup> MOSES LIPPITT, JR., of Warwick.
  2. John Rhodes, born 5 May, 1716; died 1774;<sup>2</sup> married 25 April, 1738, SARAH GREENE.
  3. Catherine Rhodes, born 1 Aug., 1717; married about 1736 RUFUS BARTON, of Warwick; (2) 24 Oct., 1754, STEPHEN GREENE.<sup>1</sup> She had a son Holden Barton.
  4. Charles Rhodes, born 29 Sept., 1719; married 31 Jan., 1738-9, DEBORAH GREENE. He named a son Holden Rhodes.
  5. Mercy Rhodes, born 29 Feb., 1720-1; died Feb., 1723-4.
  6. Anthony Rhodes, born 29 May, 1722.
  7. Joseph Rhodes, born 22 Aug., 1723; married 4 Feb., 1747, ANNE WEAVER.<sup>1</sup>
  8. Zachariah Rhodes, born 8 Sept., 1727.
  9. Holden Rhodes, born 20 May, 1731; married MARY REMINGTON; married, second, 12 March, 1769, SUSANNAH WALL. Lived in Warwick.
- 5 - 5 CHARLES, born 24 Sept. (May), 1695; died June, 1785, aged 89 years, 7 months, 15 days.<sup>3</sup> His will was proved 13 June; married PENELOPE BENNETT.
- 6 - 6 WILLIAM, born about 1700; living 1763;<sup>4</sup> married WAITE HOLDEN.
- 7 - 7 JOHN, born 24 Sept., 1702, a minor in 1717; died Nov., 1800, in his hundredth year;<sup>5</sup> married DELIVERANCE GREENE; married, second, HANNAH FRY.

Charles Holden was lieutenant of the local military company, and from 1710 to 1716 was deputy to the General Assembly. In 1702 he contributed three shillings toward the building of the Quaker Meeting House at Mashapaug.

At the date of making his will, 12 July, 1717, he was "sick and weak." This was a fatal illness, as his will was proved the seventeenth of the following month. To his wife Katherine he left a half of his dwelling house and land, during her widowhood, and the profits of all his estate, if she remained unmarried, until his son John was twenty-one years of age. To John he gave the other half of his house and land and one-half his movables, at age of twenty-one, and the other half of the movables to be enjoyed by him immediately upon the testator's decease, the whole to be his upon his mother's

<sup>1</sup> R. W. Holden *Ms.*

<sup>2</sup> *Greene Family.*

<sup>3</sup> *United States Chronicle* of 20 June.

<sup>4</sup> Moses Brown stated he died "about 1801, aged about 96."

<sup>5</sup> *United States Chronicle.*

death or remarriage. This was the homestead only, for to son Anthony he gave 95 acres adjoining the west end of the homestead farm, and to sons Charles and William, the remainder of his lands equally. John also received a quarter of commonage in Warwick, and was obligated to pay William £10. Anthony was to pay Charles £5. To daughters Frances Bennett, Ann Low, and Catherine Roads, he left £5 each. The witnesses were John Rice, Sr., and John Rice, Jr., and Thomas Rice.

The inventory of his personal estate disclosed £187-12-8.

Katherine Holden left a will dated 22 June, 1753. She was then in her "88th year." It was proved 8 December following. To each of her sons, Charles, William, and John, she gave a silver spoon marked H and sundry small legacies, including a Bible to Charles.

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To grandchildren Job Bennett, Frances Nichols, each £10, and to grandson Anthony Holden £20. Residue one-half to daughter Ann Low and the other half to her children, Waight Lippitt, Katherine Barton.

Inventory of her estate disclosed £563, including a silver cup. Her son John Holden, Esq., was executor.

### THIRD GENERATION

R64 ENSIGN RANDALL (*Randall, Randall*), of Warwick, born 2 Feb., 1694, at Warwick; died there 1766; married 3 July, 1724, at Warwick, ROSE WICKS, born 12 Aug., 1702, died 1789, daughter of John and Sarah (Gorton) Wicks.

Children, the four eldest recorded at Warwick:

- 1 MARY, born 17 Nov., 1724; living 1765, unmarried. Not named in her mother's will, 1783.
- 2-2 RANDALL, "eldest son", born 25 Nov., 1726; died 4 July, 1808; married NAOMI POTTER.
- 3 SARAH, born 19 June, 1729; died 11 March, 1730-1, of "inflammation of the lungs."
- 4 JOHN, born 2 Jan., 1731-2; died prior to 1765, *s.p.* He had gift of land from his father, 26 Aug., 1755.<sup>1</sup>
- 5 SARAH, married 23 Dec., 1770, at Warwick, JOHN WELLS. She was living in 1783.

Children, born at Warwick:

1. Charles Wells, born 6 Jan., 1772; married ROSANNAH LOW.
  2. Rose Wells, born 10 Aug., 1773.
  3. Randall Wells, born 3 April, 1776.
  - 6 FRANCES, unmarried in 1783.
  - 7 BARBARA, born 2 Aug., 1744;<sup>2</sup> died 20 March, 1814;<sup>2</sup> married 30 Sept., 1770, JOHN GREENE, born 22 March, 1747, died March, 1814, son of Richard and Sarah (Fry) Greene.<sup>2</sup>
- Children:<sup>3</sup>
1. Richard Greene, born 16 May; died 18 May, 1771.
  2. Thomas Greene, born 20 July, 1772; died 9 Nov., 1778.
  3. John Malbone Greene, born 3 May, 1774; married ANNE GREENE.
  4. Sarah Greene, born 4 July, 1776; died 6 July, 1837, unmarried.
  5. Mary Greene, born 22 May, 1779; died 17 Feb., 1882, aged 102 years; named in grandmother Holden's will.

The will of Randall Holden, yeoman, dated 23 Aug., 1765, was proved 15 March, 1766. To wife Rose, until remarriage, use of new end of the mansion house where we now dwell, and profits of one-half of estate; if she marries, her son Randall is to pay her £500 in full of all rights. She is to have negro Pegg, and two negro boys, Julius and Cato. Daughter Mary Holden, £600 and furniture. Daughter Sarah Holden, £1,000 and furniture. Daughter Frances Holden, furniture, and same to daughter Barbara Holden. Wife to have the black mare (valued in inventory at £340). Son Randall to pay all debts and legacies, and to have mansion house, farm, etc.

<sup>1</sup> Warwick Deeds, 8:379.

<sup>2</sup> Gorton Genealogy.

<sup>3</sup> Greene Family, also Gorton Genealogy.

Inventory £9,836 old tenor,<sup>1</sup> including negro Saul at £700, Bristol £1200, Peggy, and one boy aged five years and one of eighteen months, together valued at £700.

The will of Rose Holden, widow, dated 8 July, 1783, was proved 1 Dec., 1789, at Warwick. To son Randall, one dollar. Daughter Sarah Wells. Daughter Frances Holden, negro Peggy, silver, etc. Daughter Barbara Greene, two silver spoons marked B. H. Granddaughter Mary Greene. Residue of estate to above three daughters. John Wells, Frances Holden and Barbara Holden joint executors.

In the Rhode Island census of 1774, Rose Holden is given as head of a family of herself and two females over sixteen years, and three negro slaves.

Randall Holden "Jr." appears as ensign, 1720-24, and at his marriage was so styled. He was lieutenant in 1725, captain of 1st Warwick company, May, 1726, major of 2d Providence County Regiment, 1731-2, and lieutenant-colonel, 1733-7.

R83 ANTHONY (*Charles, Randall*), born 8 Dec., 1693, at Warwick; died 13 May, 1720, intestate;<sup>2</sup> married about 1716, PHEBE RHODES, born 30 Nov., 1698, at Warwick, died probably in Providence, daughter of John and Waite (Waterman) Rhodes. She married, second, Samuel Aborn of Providence, by whom she had children born between 1724 and 1740, Mary, Samuel, John, Phebe, Wait, James (married Hannah Westcott), Anthony, and Mercy Aborn. In 1738 Samuel and Phebe Aborn release right of dower in land sold by Christopher and Catherine Lippitt to their uncle John Holden, which was given to their "father Anthony Holden by will of our grandfather Charles Holden."<sup>3</sup> Mrs. Phebe Aborn was living in 1761.

Child, recorded 3 May, 1733, on Warwick records:

- 1 CATHERINE, born 30 Oct., 1717, at Warwick; died 4 May, 1807, at Cranston; married 2 Jan., 1736, CHRISTOPHER LIPPITT, born 29 Nov., 1712, at Warwick, died 7 Dec., 1764, at Cranston, son of Moses and Amphillis (Ann Phillis) (Whipple) Lippitt. A sampler worked by her has been preserved.

Children:<sup>4</sup>

1. Anthony Lippitt, born 1738; died 23 Oct., 1751.
2. Freelove Lippitt, married Olney Rice.
3. Mary Lippitt, married THOMAS RICE, brother of Olney.
4. Christopher Lippitt, born 28 Oct., 1744; died 17 June, 1824; married 23 March, 1777, WAITE HARRIS. Colonel of Rhode Island regiment serving with Washington during the Revolution, and from 1780 Brigadier-General of Rhode Island militia.
5. Catherine Lippitt, married ——— HIGGINBOTTOM.

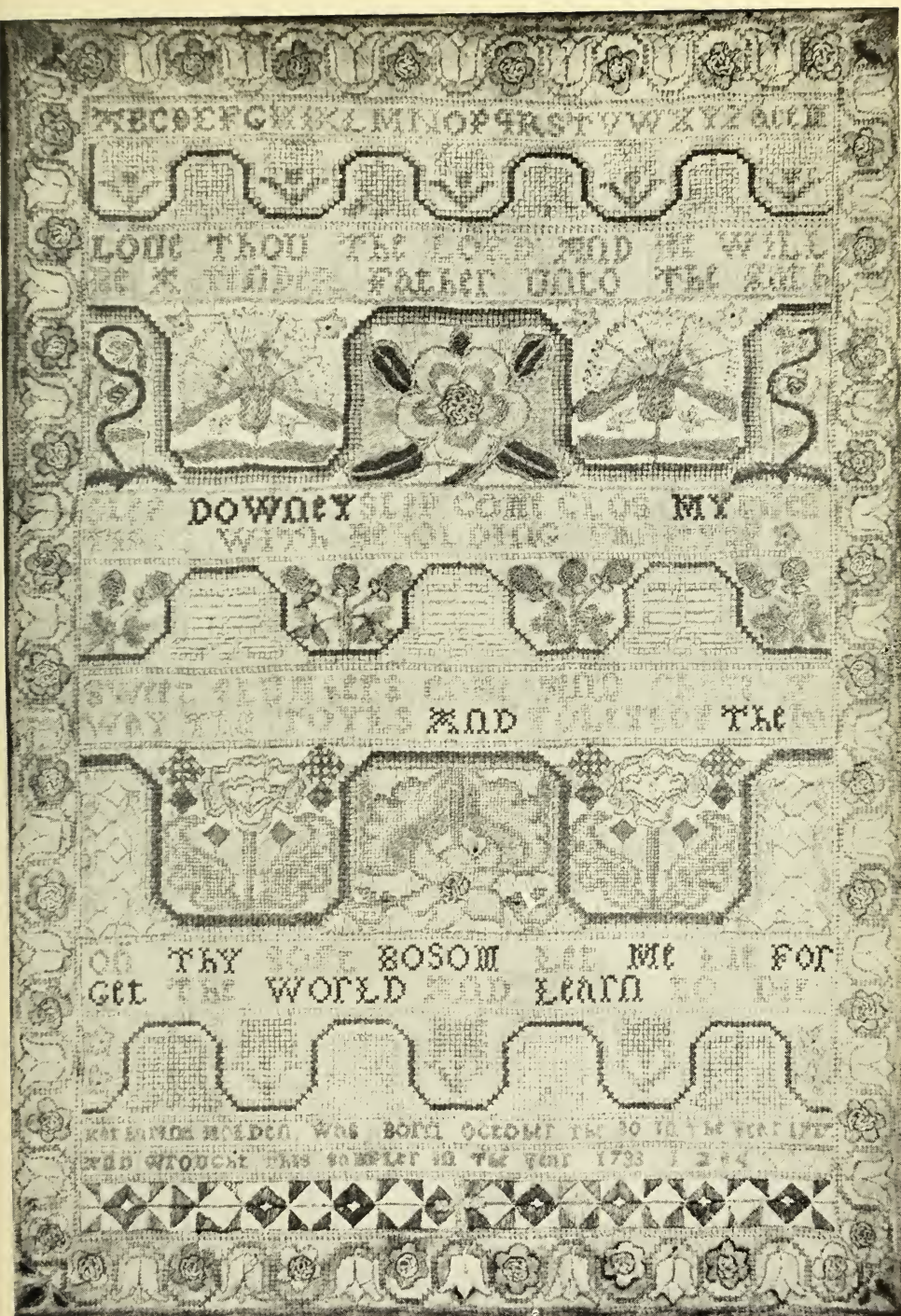
<sup>1</sup>A depreciated currency.

<sup>2</sup>Warwick Deeds, 6:50.

<sup>3</sup>Warwick Probate.

<sup>4</sup>*N. E. Hist. General. Reg.*, 27:70.





SAMPLER WORKED BY CATHERINE (HOLDEN) LIPPITT  
(By permission)

From "American Samplers" by Ethel Stanwood Bolton and Eva Johnston Coe  
Original in possession of Miss M. Frances Babcock and Mrs. Winslow Upton



6. Warren Lippitt, died 30 Nov., 1751, aged 3 years.
7. Phebe Lippitt, born 6 Dec., 1749; died 6 Dec., 1751.
8. Moses Lippitt, born 10 Sept., 1751; died 15 Dec., 1784; married ANSTIS HOLDEN, daughter of Charles Holden (R872), *q.v.*
9. Charles Lippitt, born 2 March, 1754; died 17 Aug., 1845; married PENELOPE LOW. Their son Henry was governor of Rhode Island and father of Charles Warren Lippitt, governor and United States Senator.
10. Loudon Lippitt, born 17 April, 1756; died 18 Aug., 1841; married NANCY REMINGTON.
11. Waterman Lippitt, born 2 May, 1758.
12. John Lippitt, born 14 Feb., 1763; died 19 July, 1830. He served in 1776 in his brother's regiment, and was at battles of Trenton and Princeton.

An inventory of the real and personal estate of Anthony Holden was presented to the Court at Warwick 6 June, 1720, by widow Phebe.

Total value £774-3-7, including the following items:

Due from Charles Holden for land sold him	£160
Due from Catherine Holden, in lieu of the house Anthony Holden built	55
95 acres given him by his father	260
50 acres bought of Stephen Arnold	50
Due to Wait Roades £44, also household effects to value of £69.	

The 95 acres were sold to John Holden for £800, and the widow obtained permission to sell the Arnold lot.

Wait Rhodes was sister of Phebe; both daughters received a bequest of £30 under the will of their father John, who died in 1716. She married Abraham Sheldon in 1730.

R85 CHARLES (*Charles, Randall*), known as "Elder Charles Holden," born, it is said, 24 Sept., 1695, but his birth is not of record at Warwick; died in June, 1785, aged according to the death notice in the *United States Chronicle*, 89 years, 7 months, 15 days, and otherwise said to have been in his "nintieth year." His will was proved 13 June, and as the *Chronicle* appeared the twentieth, it is likely his death occurred the ninth or tenth of June. He married, 13 Dec., 1716, at Warwick, Penelope Bennett, daughter of John Bennett of Newport.<sup>1</sup> He married, second, 23 Jan., 1757, at Warwick, Hannah, widow of Elder Manasseh Martin. She died in her ninety-fourth year, at Warwick, in 1781<sup>2</sup> (19 June<sup>3</sup>).

Children, born at Warwick:<sup>1</sup>

- 1 BARBARA, "eldest daughter," born 13 Sept., 1717; married, 20 March, 1735, at Warwick, RICHARD WICKES, born 23 Oct., 1712; died

<sup>1</sup> Warwick records.

<sup>2</sup> *Providence Gazette*, issue of 14 July.

<sup>3</sup> *N. E. Hist. General. Reg.*, 27:70.



26 July, 1738, at Warwick, son of John and Sarah Wicks. She married, second, 5 Oct, 1740, at Warwick, JOHN WELLS, of East Greenwich. Five of her seven children were named in their grandfather Holden's will.

Children, born at Warwick:<sup>1</sup>

1. Sarah Wickes, born 4 March, 1735-6; married JOHN LOW.
  2. Penelope Wells, born 18 June, 1741; married OLIVER GREENE.
  3. Mary Wells, born 12 June, 1743; not living 1782; probably d.y.
  4. Charles Wells, born 2 March, 1744-5; probably d.y.
  5. Barbara Wells, born 28 Jan., 1747; married JOHN LOW.
  6. Anstress Holden Wells, born 19 April, 1752; unmarried in 1782.
  7. John Holden Wells, born 12 Sept., 1755.
- 2 CHARLES, born 3 April, 1719; died 25 Sept., 1719.
  - 3 ANTHONY, born 10 June, 1721; died 7 July, 1721.
  - 4 CHARLES, born 6 Jan., 1722-3; died "in his twentieth year, at Surinam" (Moses Brown Papers).
  - 5 JOHN, born 18 May, 1724; died 1750; married DOROTHY RICE.

Elder Charles Holden was described as a cooper in a deed of 1720, as a merchant in 1745, in 1752 as a mariner, in 1757 as captain, and in 1766 as yeoman. Charles Holden was ensign of the 1st company of militia at Warwick, 1725, and justice of the peace in 1737 and 1751. He was ordained pastor of the Baptist church at Warwick, 16 June, 1757, then in his sixty-second year, and preached until infirmities prevented. In 1749 he was deputy to the General Court.

He left a will dated 14 Jan., 1782, proved at Warwick, 13 June, 1785. To his grandson Charles Holden he left his mansion house where "he late dwelt," he to pay the testator's great-grandson Anthony Holden, \$60 at his age of twenty-one years. To granddaughter Barbara Amsbury one-half the value of the mansion house and homestead place. To daughter-in-law Dorothy Holden six bushels of corn yearly, as long as she remains his son's widow. To grandson John Holden Wells, two acres, his writing desk, etc., and as he has long been absent, if he does not return then to his sisters Penelope Greene, Barbara Low and Anstis Wells. To his four grandchildren, Sarah Low, Penelope Greene, Barbara Low, and Anstress Wells remainder of estate not disposed of. Grandson Charles to be executor. He manumitted his negro woman, Dimmis, and gave to her her son Freeman<sup>2</sup> until he was twenty-one, his negro boy Prince,<sup>2</sup> and also his slaves Cato,<sup>2</sup> now living with John Greene, Dina, now apprenticed to John Batty, and Moroco, a girl, who is to be apprenticed until nineteen, all to be at his executor's disposal if they do not live prudently. The valuation of his personal estate was but £91. The negroes were not inventoried.

<sup>1</sup> Warwick records.

<sup>2</sup> Freeman, Cato and Prince adopted the name Holden, married and had families, some of whom continued the name.



An interleaved almanac of Samuel Tillinghast preserved in the library of the Rhode Island Historical Society contains under date of 23 Jan., 1757, the following entry: "Capt. Charles Holden to widow Martin. Very agreeable match, which is generally allowed by all."<sup>1</sup> Also, "16 June, 1757, went to ordain Charles Holden."

In 1777 he was listed as an "able man" but over sixty. During the Revolution, for a brief period, on one of the alarms, his house was used as a billet for soldiers.

R86 WILLIAM (*Charles, Randall*), died later than February, 1763,<sup>2</sup> at Warwick; married 30 April, 1721, at Warwick, "at knight", WAIT HOLDEN, daughter of Randall Holden. She was not living in January, 1747-8, when her brother John Holden made his will, leaving his estate not otherwise disposed of, after the decease of his wife, to the children of his deceased sisters.

Children, born at Warwick:

- 1-1 ANTHONY,<sup>3</sup> born 25 Sept., 1722; died subsequent to 1776; married ELIZABETH RICE.
- 2 ANN, born 10 March, 1723-4;<sup>3</sup> unmarried in 1750.
- 3 WAITE, born 21 Aug., 1726; d.y., prior to 1741.
- 4 WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> born 30 Oct., 1728; married HANNAH CARDER.
- 5 CATHERINE, born 12 Jan., 1729; living 1763, unmarried.
- 6 FRANCES,<sup>3</sup> born 25 Jan., 1733;<sup>3</sup> died prior to 1750.
- 7 CARDER, born 31 Aug., 1736; died prior to 1750.
- 8 MARY,<sup>3</sup> born 2 May, 1740; married, as "daughter of William," 2 Jan., 1777, at East Greenwich, DAVID HALL, born 1 Oct., 1745, at East Greenwich, died there 26 Oct., 1777, son of Abial and Mary Hall. Child:
  1. Mary Hall, born 13 Dec., 1777, at East Greenwich.
- 9 WAITE, born 20 Dec., 1741 (she may have married CHARLES HOLDEN, Jr., otherwise he married her cousin Waite Rice).

In 1763, John Low, Jr., purchased of Anthony Holden three-seventeenths, and of Anthony Low, Jr., Mary Potter, widow [who were children of Frances (Holden) Low], William Holden, Jr., Catherine and Mary Holden, spinsters [who were children of Waite (Holden) Holden], Jeremiah Webb and wife Freelove (Rice), Dorothy Holden, widow, Mary Greene, widow, John Lippitt and Bethia (Rice) his wife, Holden Rice (two shares), Frances Graves, Roel Remington and Robe (Rice) his wife [children of Mary (Holden) Rice], and of Charles Holden, Jr., and Waite his wife, fourteen-seventeenths, of the mansion house in occupancy of Josiah Westcott, and certain lands. This was evidently the share in his estate left them by their uncle John Holden, after his wife's decease.

<sup>1</sup> See *Narragansett Hist. Reg.*, 4:38.

<sup>2</sup> Warwick records.

<sup>3</sup> These are the only children mentioned by Moses Brown. These and Catherine are named in the deed given by Hannah, widow of John Holden, 1750.

Anthony Holden had purchased two shares, but from whom is not evident. His sisters, Ann and Frances may have sold him their shares but it is doubtful if Frances was living. William Holden of this deed being styled "junior" is evidence that his father was still living. He was certainly living in 1752. William Holden was justice of the peace, May 1735-37, Justice of the Inferior Court of Providence County, May 1741-46, inclusive. He is not given in census of 1790.

R87 JOHN (*Charles, Randall*), born 1700, at Warwick; died there November, 1800, "in his hundredth year",<sup>1</sup> "without pain or distress, and had enjoyed perfect health past fifty-five years";<sup>2</sup> married, DELIVERANCE GREENE, born 12 Feb., 1700-1, died (*s.p.*) daughter of James and Mary (Jones) Greene. He married, second, 6 Jan., 1731-2, at Warwick, HANNAH FRY, born 31 March, 1702, daughter of Thomas and Welthian (Greene) Fry of Warwick.

Children, born at Warwick:<sup>3</sup>

- 1 WELTHIAN, born 24 Dec., 1733; living in 1782; married CALEB POTTER, probably son of John and Phebe Potter, born 30 Oct., 1725, whose sister Naomi married Captain Randall Holden. If so she was his second wife.
- 2 - 2 CHARLES, born 2 June, 1737; died 17 Nov., 1817, at Coventry; married WAIT RICE; (2) MARY (GREENE) GORTON.
- 3 DELIVERANCE, born 28 Sept., 1738; died 3 Feb., 1823, at Warwick,<sup>4</sup> unmarried. She lived with her brother, General Thomas Holden, who acted as her guardian after her father's death.
- 4 - 4 THOMAS, born 7 June, 1741; died 22 Feb., 1823; married FREELove; (2) MERCY (GORTON) WIGHTMAN.

The will of John Holden, Esquire, dated 28 May, 1782, was proved at Warwick, 25 Nov., 1800. The testator was "in a reasonable state of health." To his son Charles ninety acres of the homestead in Warwick, that part known as Wequatcheconet Farm, off the west end of it, and extending westerly by the river, land lately given him by deed. To son Thomas the mansion house where I dwell, with remaining part of homestead, one hundred and thirty acres. Daughter Deliverance to have the privilege of the house, a large silver cup, and silver teaspoons which were her Aunt Ruth Frye's. If she remain in disorder, my executor to be her guardian. Daughter Welthian, wife of Caleb Potter.

John Holden "son of Charles" was admitted freeman 1723. He was executor to his mother's will in 1756. He was a justice of the peace for Warwick, May, 1746, June, 1748, fifth justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for Kent County, August, 1752-1757, and

<sup>1</sup> *Providence Gazette* of 22 November.

<sup>3</sup> Warwick records.

<sup>2</sup> *United States Chronicle*, 28 November.

<sup>4</sup> *Providence Gazette*.

third justice 1760-62. In May, 1768 he appears as Chief Justice for Kent County. The Census of 1790 gives John Holden of Warwick as head of a family of two males over sixteen years and two females.

He was commonly known as "Esquire." In the Census of 1777, he is listed as over sixty years.

## FOURTH GENERATION

R642 CAPTAIN RANDALL (*Randall, Randall, Randall*), born 25 Nov., 1726, at Warwick; died there 4 July, 1808, "suddenly, in his 82d year";<sup>1</sup> married 14 Jan., 1749, at Providence, NAOMI POTTER,<sup>2</sup> born 18 May, 1729, died 17 Jan., 1806, daughter of John and Phebe (Greene) Potter.<sup>3</sup> She was sister to Caleb Potter.

Children:<sup>4</sup>

- 1-1 ANTHONY, born 22 Feb., 1751; died 3 May, 1838; married SARAH WARNER.
- 2-2 JOHN, born 21 Dec., 1752;<sup>5</sup> died 19 Feb., 1826; married ABIGAIL HARRIS.
- 3-3 RANDALL, born 18 July, 1754 (*g.s.*); died 21 July, 1796; married ELIZABETH WARNER.
- 4 NAOMI, died unmarried; will proved 9 Oct., 1837. Lived in Warwick in her father's house.
- 5 PHEBE, married BENNETT LOW, who died 7 Jan., 1853, aged 87 years, 11 months, 27 days (Warwick Records). His will dated 22 Nov., 1852, proved 14 March, 1853, left his estate to his wife Sally, and after her death to his nephews and nieces, named both his own and his wife's, among them Randall and John Holden, and Frances Stafford. John Holden and Charles Lippitt, nephews, were to have his mansion house and land at Warwick Neck.
- 6 RUTH, married ——— DERBYSHIRE. She was of Otsego, N. Y., August, 1818, when she joined in a deed with other heirs of Randall Holden.
- 7 SALLY, born June, 1762; died 11 Feb., 1793, aged 30 years, 8 months (*g.s.*); married CAPTAIN RICHARD LOW who died November, 1795, in his fortieth year. The *Providence Gazette* said of him, "He was the first son of Rhode Island that explored the high Southern Altitudes and made several voyages to the East Indies." His gravestone, part of which is still standing at Spencer's Corner, reads "Eminent Navigator (He) was the first citizen of this state who explored [—] and Indies and Chinese Seas to Canton."
- 8 WAITE, died at Warwick; will proved 14 Oct., 1833. She lived with her sister Naomi. They made identical wills 25 Sept., 1830, leaving estate to sister, and to sister Elizabeth Low and her children, and to nephew Joseph Holden Low, their right in house and lands of deceased father, which was his last residence. They are probably buried in unmarked graves in the family burial ground.

<sup>1</sup> *Providence Gazette*.

<sup>2</sup> *Providence Marriages*.

<sup>3</sup> *Potter Genealogy*. The wife of John Potter is given as Phebe Arnold in *Gorton Genealogy*. In the marriage record Randall is described as "Junior."

<sup>4</sup> All but Randall and Sally, both known to have died, and Joseph, join in a deed of 24 Aug., 1818. (Warwick Deeds, 17:710.)

<sup>5</sup> *Providence Friends Records*.



- 9 STEPHEN, born 25 May, 1766, at Warwick; died 27 Jan., 1841, at Hartwich, N. Y.; married SALLMAPLET LIPPITT.
- J-10 THOMAS, born 1768; died 2 Dec., 1844; married SALLY LOW; (2) ESTHER MANTON; (3) SARAH (GORTON) ARNOLD.
- 11 ELIZABETH, married 2 April, 1797, CAPTAIN SAMUEL LOW,<sup>1</sup> son of Judge Anthony (R67-1) and Sarah (Stafford) Low.<sup>2</sup>

Children, the daughters named in wills of uncle Bennet Low and of aunts Naomi and Waite Holden:

1. Sallie Holden Low, born 14 Nov., 1797, at Warwick.
  2. Phebe Ann Low, born 5 May, 1801, at Warwick; married ———  
ARNOLD.
  3. Joseph Holden Low, born 12 July, 1802; married MARY ANN GREENE. He is named in the wills of his aunts.
  4. Elizabeth Low.
  5. Naomi Potter Low.
  6. Abby Low.
- 12 (?) JOSEPH. (Family records;<sup>1</sup> but he does not appear as grantor with other heirs. Probably he was the Joseph Holden of Scituate, listed in the census of 1777, as an able man between sixteen and fifty years of age. If so, born earlier than 1760.)

In 1808, and 1809, all the surviving children and children of deceased son Randall, join in deeds conveying land to the eldest son Anthony, but reserving rights in the family burial ground. Other deeds pass between some of the children in 1814.

Anthony and Thomas Holden had administration on "Captain Randall Holden's" estate 19 Jan., 1809. Inventory 17 May, 1808, disclosed a silver-hilted small sword. He was captain of a militia company during the years of the Revolution, but no record of active service is found.

In 1790 the census listed Randall Holden of Warwick as having in his family three males over sixteen years, one male under sixteen, and seven females. The Rhode Island census of 1774, listed four males over sixteen, three under sixteen, four females over sixteen, three under sixteen, and a negro, as composing his household. In 1777 he was listed as an "able" man, and between the years fifty and sixty.

The family burial ground is on the shore of a little cove running up to Spencer's Corner from Warwick Cove. It looks toward the bay, and was taken from a part of the meadow. No longer protected by a fence, though remains are to be seen, many of the stones fallen and a few broken, there are perhaps thirty graves in the lot, including descendants in the Pierce, Holden, and Greene families. Several graves are marked only by field stones, and here may rest some of the earlier generations. Doubtless, if the ground was spaded up other stones might come to light. The burial ground is now part of the farm of William M. Greene.

<sup>1</sup> Warwick records.

<sup>2</sup> Gorton Genealogy.

R855 JOHN (*Charles, Charles, Randall*), born 18 May, 1724, at Warwick; died probably in 1750, as appraisers of his estate were appointed 7 March, 1750-1, and widow Dorothy presented inventory of estate at the Warwick Probate Court, 8 April, 1751; married 5 August, 1744, at Warwick, DOROTHY RICE, born 30 Oct., 1723, at Warwick, died there 27 May, 1789, aged 67,<sup>1</sup> daughter of Captain Thomas and Mary (Holden) Rice.

Children:

- 1 - 1 CHARLES, born 1746, died 21 March, 1812; married Sarah Remington of Providence, tailor:
- 2 (?) PENELOPE,<sup>2</sup> born about 1748.
- 3 (?) MARY,<sup>2</sup> born about 1750; "Mary daughter of John Holden and William son of Anthony Rhodes, married 18 Aug., 1765, at Warwick."
- 4 BARBARA, born 1751; died 4 Feb., 1786, in thirty sixth year;<sup>3</sup> married JOHN AMSBURY, or as better known, ORMSBEE, died 18 Jan., 1787, in thirty-second year.<sup>4</sup> They had a son John Holden Ormsbee.

Captain John Holden, mariner, may have died at sea. 25 Oct., 1745, described as "mariner" he received, from his father Charles Holden of Warwick "merchant", a gift of one-half his farm at Waquachabuet, bounding north on the Pawtuxet River, east on William Holden, south on William Rice and west on Thomas Rice.<sup>5</sup>

His inventory disclosed navigator's books and instruments valued at £15, silver, pistols, one-quarter of sloop Warwick, an Indian girl valued at £180, cash £217, and "in his hands for goods sold" £846. A total of £2334.

The widow Dorothy was living in 1782, and is taken care of in her father-in-law's will of that date, who made his grandson Charles his executor, and gave to him and "grand daughter" Barbara Amsbury, his mansion house and home place. See under Elder Charles Holden.

R861 ANTHONY (*William, Charles, Randall*) of Warwick and East Greenwich, born 25 Sept., 1722, at Warwick; living 1785; married 25 Dec., 1769, at Warwick, ELIZABETH RICE, born 18 Oct., 1734, at Warwick, daughter of William ("deceased") and Phebe (Tripp) Rice.

Children:

- 1 - 1 (?) ANTHONY.
- 2 (?) HENRY, of Apponaug, merchant, 1786.
- 3 (?) JOHN, of Apponaug, merchant, 1786. [It is thought the marriage with ELIZABETH RICE was a second marriage, and that sons were born 1745-1760, whose names are not on the town records.] Both

<sup>1</sup> *United States Chronicle*.

<sup>2</sup> These daughters appear in the *Greene Family*, but may be a duplication of names in the family of Charles, R85. Certainly it was the elder Penelope who married Oliver Greene. Neither of these supposed daughters are named in the grandfather's will.

<sup>3</sup> *Providence Gazette*.

<sup>4</sup> Warwick Deeds, 7:226.

<sup>5</sup> Providence records and *United States Chronicle*.

John and Henry were living at Apponaug in 1793, as shown by deeds on record at East Greenwich.

In September, 1770, Anthony Holden was "gaol keeper" of the County Jail at East Greenwich. That year he sold land purchased at Apponaug the preceding year. His wife Elizabeth released dower. 10 March, 1757, he purchased for £900, a part of the home-stead farm from his father and 23 Dec., 1773, he bought a house and lot adjoining the jail in East Greenwich.<sup>1</sup> 29 Aug., 1769, William Holden, Jr., conveys to Anthony Holden of Warwick, schoolmaster, one-half his dwelling house in Warwick.<sup>1</sup> Moses Brown relates of him that he had lost an arm shot off on a British man of war in 1746. He was a member of the crew of the warship *Warwick* in 1747-8, and lost an arm during an engagement with the Spanish forts at Havana.<sup>2</sup> This accounts for his being listed as "unable" in 1777. He was then between "50 and 60 years." His name is not in the census of 1810. The Census of 1790 shows at East Greenwich, Anthony Holden as head of family of two women. It is quite probable this is the son.

R864 WILLIAM (*William, Charles, Randall*), born 30 Oct., 1728; died between 1790 and 1810; married 20 June, 1773, by Elder Charles Holden, at Warwick, HANNAH CARDER, born 13 July, 1742, at Warwick, daughter of James and Sarah Carder. In the marriage record he is described as William, son of William.

Children, born at Warwick:<sup>3</sup>

1 SARAH, born 4 May, 1774.

2 WILLIAM ANTHONY, born 10 March, 1777; died 24 April, 1854;<sup>3</sup> married 5 June, 1803, at Warwick, ELIZABETH BAKER, daughter of Thomas Baker; married, second, 8 June, 1817, at Warwick, CELINDA WILLIAMS. Will of William Holden of Warwick, 6 Feb., 1821, proved 10 July, 1854. All to wife Celinda.

William Holden was owner of a grist mill in Natick on south side of Pawtuxet River, near the "iron bridge." In 1771 he had permission from the General Assembly to raise £50 by lottery to repair his dam washed away the previous winter. In his petition he states that he had had "illness in his family." His son, William A., was one of the large owners of land in Natick and lived in a house near Indigo Brook. He was a public-spirited man.

In the census of 1777, he is described as "William Holden, Jr.," and an able man under fifty. He was probably the William who appears on the roll of Captain John Randall's company, Waterman's Regiment, called on to guard Warwick Bay fifteen days, from 4 April 1778.<sup>4</sup> In the census of 1790, Warwick, his family consisted of one

<sup>1</sup> Warwick Deeds, 10:179; 9:235.

<sup>3</sup> Warwick records

<sup>2</sup> See Chapin: *List of Rhode Island Men in King George's War*.

<sup>4</sup> Pay abstract, State records.

male over sixteen, one male under sixteen, and two females, which agrees with the above record. In 1766 he had a deed for land from his father.

R872 CHARLES (*John, Charles, Randall*), born 2 June, 1737, at Warwick; died 16 Nov., 1817, in his eighty-first year (*g.s.* at East Greenwich);<sup>1</sup> married prior to 1755, WAITE RICE, born April, 1738, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Holden) Rice. He married, second, 22 Sept., 1785, at Coventry, MARY (GREENE) GORTON, born 1 Dec., 1737, died Nov., 1799, in her sixty-second year,<sup>2</sup> daughter of Jabez and Mary (Gould) Greene and widow of Major Edward Gorton, Jr.<sup>3</sup> The gravestones of this family were moved from Washington Village in Coventry to the cemetery in East Greenwich. The graves were not otherwise disturbed.

Children (not of record on town records):

- 1 - 1 ANTHONY, born 17 Aug., 1754 (as given in the family Bible); died 29 April, 1805 "in 51st year"; gravestone at East Greenwich; married ALICE SEARLE. His age is also given in death notice in the papers of the day as fifty-one.
- 2 ANSTISS, born 1756; died 27 Nov., 1804;<sup>4</sup> married 8 Jan., 1775, MOSES LIPPITT, born 10 Sept., 1751, died 15 Dec., 1844, son of Christopher and Catherine (Holden) Lippitt. They removed to Killingly, Conn. Moses Lippitt received a pension for services in the Revolution. See R83-18.  
Children:<sup>5</sup>
  1. Phebe Lippitt, born 1776; died 1804.
  2. Betsy Lippitt, born 1777; died 1808.
  3. Waite Lippitt, born 1779; died 1796.
  4. Mary Lippitt, born 1780; died 1855; married SAMUEL GREENE.
  5. Susan Lippitt, born 1782; died 11 Aug., 1840; married 27 Oct., 1808, DANIEL DWIGHT, born 24 May, 1780, son of Captain William and Sarah (Elliott) Dwight.
  6. Nathaniel Lippitt, born 1784; married REBECCA BARTLETT; (2) PERSIS P. PHIPPS.
  7. Catherine Lippitt, born 1786; died 1817; married ROBERT ARNOLD.
  8. Anna Lippitt, born 1788; died 1833; married ZURIAL P. ARNOLD.
  9. Anstis Lippitt, born 1790; died 1815; married FREEMAN CADY.
  10. Hannah Holden Lippitt, born 1792; died 1838; married ZURIAL P. ARNOLD.
  11. Edward Lippitt, born 1793; died 1858; married LOIS SPALDING.
  12. Freelove Lippitt, born 1795; died 1796.
  13. Harriet Lippitt, born 1797; died 1866; married LOIS (*sic*) SPALDING.
- 3 - 3 JOHN,<sup>6</sup> born 1757; Revolutionary soldier and pensioner.
- 4 JOSEPH WARREN, born 1774; died June, 1795, in twenty-first year.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Died 17 November, *Providence Gazette*.

<sup>3</sup> *Gorton Genealogy*.

<sup>5</sup> *Lippitt Genealogy* in *Mass.*, N. E. Hist. Geneal. Soc.

<sup>6</sup> John is described as "son of Charles," at the time he was commissioned.

<sup>7</sup> *United States Chronicle* of 2 July.

<sup>2</sup> *Providence Gazette*, 30 November.

<sup>4</sup> *Bates Ms.*, Rhode Island Hist. Soc.



- 5 WAITY, born 1777; died 15 Nov., 1791, in her fifteenth year, at Warwick, daughter of Charles, Esq.<sup>1</sup>

(NOTE: The birth of children as early as 1755 and 1756 presupposes marriage at a very early age of Charles, but there appears no other explanation. His wife was Waite in February, 1763, at which time he was styled Charles, Junior. See Warwick Deeds, 9:346, when he joins other heirs, in behalf of his wife, in conveying lands formerly John Holden's to John Low. There were doubtless other children born between 1756 and 1774, all of whom died in infancy, as the census of 1790 enumerates in his family, besides himself, but one male, who was under sixteen, and two females. His son Anthony was already head of a family.)

Charles Holden was of Cranston. He left a will dated 23 Sept., 1815, the day after his daughter-in-law, Alice, widow of his son Anthony, made her will, and his will was proved at Coventry, 27 Dec., 1817.<sup>2</sup> He named grandson Joseph Warren Holden, son of deceased son Anthony, and grandchildren, Alice Holden, Maria Holden, and Martha, wife of Thomas Whipple. The last named he made executor.

In a conveyance of January, 1798, by Anthony Holden of nine acres in Warwick to Anthony Rice, not only does his wife Alice release her dower, but Mary, wife of Charles Holden, Esq., and Sarah, wife of Charles Holden of Providence, tailor, release their dower rights. See under Charles Holden, third.

Charles Holden was sheriff of Kent County in 1768 and 1769. He seems to have been of Warwick as late as 1785, but in 1790 of Coventry. In 1786 land belonging to him was sold at public auction to satisfy an execution. His son Anthony was the purchaser.<sup>3</sup>

The Rhode Island census of 1774 lists under Warwick, Charles Holden, Jr., as having a family of fourteen, *viz.*, self and two other males over sixteen years, three males under sixteen years, two females over, and three females under sixteen years, and two negro slaves. At that time there was living in Warwick only one other Charles, the well-known Elder, who was head of a family; and at Providence, Charles Holden, the tailor, the relationship of which to each other appears to be as follows: Elder Charles, grandfather of Charles the tailor, and uncle of Charles, Esquire. The last named was described as Junior and Esquire, and was listed in 1777 as under fifty and an "able" man.

Charles Holden, Jr.,<sup>4</sup> was deputy to the General Assembly which in May, 1776, abjured allegiance to King George. He also appears as captain of the Independent Company of Grenadiers, and is described as "of Warwick," and on the 5 May, 1778, his name appears on a receipt as of Greene's regiment, in Sullivan's com-

<sup>1</sup> *United States Chronicle*.

<sup>3</sup> Deeds: 12:89.

<sup>2</sup> Probate, 2:528.

<sup>4</sup> Junior to his uncle, Elder Charles.

mand, and with the title of colonel. This is perhaps a misreading by the clerk who abstracted the references.<sup>1</sup> His residence, built by him in Coventry, is still standing.

RS74 GENERAL THOMAS (*John, Charles, Randall*), born at Warwick, 7 June (17 June, *g.s.*), 1741; died at Warwick, 22 February (*g.s.*) (12 February, in 82d year<sup>2</sup>) 1823. He was buried in the Holden burial ground at Natick, but no stone remaining, his descendant, Miss Anna F. Holden of East Greenwich, erected a stone in the East Greenwich Cemetery, North Road, East Greenwich.

He married, first, FREELOVE, who was living in 1770,<sup>3</sup> the mother of all of his children, but her death is not of record.

He married, second, 9 June, 1793, at Warwick, MERCY, daughter of Honorable Othniel and Theodosia (Hopkins) Gorton, and widow of Philip Wightman. His estate was administered upon by George Taft, husband of her daughter Betsy, and was distributed 12 May, 1828. Joseph Nichols married her daughter Theodosia.

Children, born at Warwick:

1 - 1 THOMAS,<sup>4</sup> born 29 Oct., 1758; died 18 Feb., 1837; married PHEBE BURLINGAME.

2 HANNAH, born 10 May, 1762; married ——— REMINGTON.<sup>5</sup>

3 JOHN, born 16 Jan., 1764.

4 - 4 EDWARD, twin with John; died 4 May, 1834; married SARAH BURLINGAME.

5 - 5 OLIVER, born 30 March, 1766; died 22 Sept., 1855, at Poughkeepsie; married ZILPHA DEXTER; (2) MARY HALL.

6 CATHERINE, born 14 May, 1768; married CHARLES LOW.<sup>5</sup>

7 RUTH, born 22 Feb., 1770; died 21 July, 1819,<sup>6</sup> 4 July, 1848;<sup>7</sup> married 24 Sept., 1798, CAPTAIN GODFREY GREENE, a ship-master, born 24 May, 1768, died 28 July, 1801, at sea, son of Godfrey Greene. She married, second, 13 May, 1804, STEPHEN LOW, JR., born 1775, died 3 Dec., 1810, son of Stephen and Susanna (Hadaway) Low. Children, as given in the Greene and Gorton Genealogies:

1. Free love Greene, born 10 June, 1799; married WILLIAM MASTERS.

2. Amey Godfrey Greene, born 27 Nov., 1801; died 1835, unmarried, at Providence.

3. Anteliza Low, born 23 Dec., 1805, at Warwick. She joined with her uncle Oliver Holden in selling his half the homestead, 1806.

<sup>1</sup> See Military Index, State Record Commissioner's Office.

<sup>2</sup> *Providence Gazette*.

<sup>3</sup> Warwick Deeds, 10:229. She was long supposed to be Free love Barton; but Free love, daughter of Rowland Barton, died unmarried.

<sup>4</sup> The family register does not mention such a son; but only one Thomas, the General, is enumerated in 1777. The younger Thomas lived in Adams, where daughters of General Thomas lived. Edward Holden, son of General Thomas, also lived in Adams. A discarded Bible was found by William B. Browne of North Adams, which contained the record of his family. Descendants of Oliver, son of the General, claim the latter's service as captain in the army investing Boston. This is confirmatory of the fact that Thomas, Jr., and Oliver were brothers. That the General should have had a son at the age of seventeen hardly seems credible, but such appears to be the only explanation. Descendants of John Holden have a rapier which is said to be that of General Thomas. His brother Charles Holden, who held a prominent place in the county, was married at seventeen years of age. The marriage of neither Charles nor Thomas is of record. Captain Thomas Holden of Warwick Neck, later of Providence, was born in 1768, and was son of Randall (R642).

<sup>5</sup> Information of George Parker Holden.

<sup>6</sup> *Greene Genealogy*.

<sup>7</sup> *Gorton Genealogy*.

4. Hope Ann Low, born 20 Jan., 1807.
5. Lyman P. Low, born 2 March, 1808; married MARGARET BROWN;  
(2) HARRIET HUNT.
- 8-8 WILLIAM, born 8 March, 1772; died 20 Feb., 1825; married PHEBE NICHOLS.<sup>1</sup>
- 9 FREELOVE, born 8 Jan., 1775; died Jan., 1812, at Adams, Mass., in thirty-seventh year;<sup>2</sup> married 24 Dec., 1795, at Warwick, HARRIS ARNOLD, JR.<sup>3</sup>  
Children, born at Warwick:
  1. Holden Arnold, born 15 May, 1797; died 10 Oct., 1798.
  2. Almy Arnold, born 5 July, 1799.
  3. Oliver Arnold, born 18 Oct., 1801.
  4. Harvey Arnold, born 16 June, 1806; died 4 Sept., 1876; married 23 April, 1829, Sarah Ann Hodges, who died 6 June, 1876, at Adams.
- 10 MARY, born 22 Jan., 1777; married 25 May, 1797, at Coventry, JOHN REMINGTON.  
Children:
  1. Hannah Remington, born 20 May, 1798.
  2. Freeloove Remington, born 26 Feb., 1800.
  3. Otis Remington, born 20 May, 1802.
  4. Mary Remington, born 29 March, 1804.
  5. Oliver Remington, born 15 June, 1806.
  6. Mercey Remington, born 18 Aug., 1808.
  7. George Thomas Remington, born 9 Jan., 1811.
  8. Dewitt Clinton Remington, born 7 Jan., 1813.
- 11 ELIZABETH, born 1 June, 1780; married 29 Sept., 1799, at Coventry, JAMES REMINGTON, brother of John above.  
Children:
  1. Holden Remington, born 13 Feb., 1802; died 30 June, 1804.
  2. Catherine Remington, born 4 Nov., 1803.
  3. Daniel Remington, born 7 June, 1806.
  4. Caroline Matilda Remington, born 25 June, 1808.
- 12 WELTHIAN, born 3 Aug., 1782; died 5 July, 1813, at Adams, Mass., in her thirty-second year;<sup>4</sup> married 12 Sept., 1801, at Warwick, DANIEL ARNOLD.
- 13 SUSAN ARCHER, born 30 April, 1785; died s. p.;<sup>5</sup> married CHARLES STEWART.<sup>5</sup>

The census of 1790 enumerated the family of Thomas Holden of Warwick as consisting of three males over sixteen years of age, one under sixteen, and nine females. It would appear from this that his wife was then living and that all of his daughters were living, and at home. Edward, although married, was not separately enumerated and had a son at that time under sixteen. Oliver was numbered in Providence, and William had not then married. Probably both

<sup>1</sup> She may have been widow of ——— Weaver.

<sup>2</sup> *Providence Gazette*, where she is called wife of Thomas Arnold.

<sup>3</sup> She is said to have married Sylvester Potter (*Letter of Geo. P. Holden.*), but see *Hodges Genealogy*.

<sup>4</sup> *Providence Phenix*.

<sup>5</sup> Information of George P. Holden.

Edward and William were living at the homestead, and it may have been Edward's wife, rather than her mother-in-law, who made the ninth woman in the family.

General Thomas Holden left a will dated 14 Oct., 1820, proved 10 March, 1823. The testator avowed he was "in a tolerable state of health." He stated he had given his own estate to his children, and hence was disposing of the estate brought by his second wife. Thomas Holden Taft, his principal legatee, was son of George Taft. Other legatees were children of Theodora, wife of Daniel Nichols, and their parents. His own children are not mentioned by name. Charles Brayton was administrator, and the inventory of personal estate was small.

He had received from his father, as a gift, land in Warwick, part of which became his homestead. In 1770, 19 May, describing himself as "yeoman," he conveyed part of this land to Thomas and Joseph Baker of Cranston, retaining the westerly portion. His wife, Freelove, joined in this deed.<sup>1</sup> In 1793 he deeded land adjoining the above to his son Edward of Warwick, and 5 Sept., 1806, he deeded one-half of his homestead to his son Oliver, who immediately gave a life lease back and, in 1827 joining with Anteliza Low, deeded this part of the homestead, about one hundred fifty acres, to William Sprague of Cranston.

Thomas Holden was commissioned captain in the regiment commanded by Colonel Varnum, April, 1775 and served with the Army of Observation and Rhode Island Continental Line for eight months in 1775.<sup>2</sup> On the 18 Oct., 1845, Nathan Miller of Warwick made affidavit that he was well acquainted with Captain Thomas Holden in Colonel Varnum's regiment. Pardon Burlingame of Cranston in August, 1845, gave affidavit that he served eight months in the company of Captain Thomas Holden in Varnum's regiment, 1775, and that Holden was of Warwick, whence came many of his men, and that he took his son Thomas Holden as a "waiter."

In the return of the 12th Regiment of Foot dated Prospect Hill, 19 Sept., 1775, the name of Thomas Holden appears as senior captain, and he is recommended for promotion as major.<sup>3</sup>

On 24 April, 1776, the Kentish Guards, an independent military company of Warwick and Kent county, which had been largely represented in Varnum's regiment, elected Thomas Holden as second lieutenant. This was probably Thomas Holden, Jr. He declined, although the election was approved by the General Assembly.

Although Captain Thomas Holden does not appear to have been promoted major, he was appointed quartermaster of brigade of State troops raised in October, 1776. He was elected 15 April, 1778, as

<sup>1</sup> Warwick Deeds, 10:229.

<sup>2</sup> Pension declaration of his son Thomas, who served as his "waiter."

<sup>3</sup> Rhode Island regimental returns printed in "*Israel Angell*," page 338.



captain of the Warwick Alarm Company. He next appears as colonel of the 1st regiment of Kent Militia, commissioned May, 1778, and was in active service with his regiment from June 12 to 23, 1778, being stationed at East Greenwich, and in July and August of the same year in the Newport campaign. He was continued as colonel in 1779 and 1780, and in June, 1779, was also commissioned as brigadier-general of the Kent County brigade, which rank he held until 1790, when he was elected major-general of militia. In October, 1781, he was paid by the town for services in March, and from June to October inclusive, and the following June for services in calling troops on an alarm from Newport and Tiverton. He served several terms as deputy in the General Assembly from Warwick, was member of the Council of War in 1781, and in May, 1788 and in 1789 was regularly elected delegate to the Continental Congress from Rhode Island, but does not appear to have taken his seat. He was appointed judge of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island May, 1800.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Rhode Island Colonial and State records; Civil and Military Officers; and Military Index in office of State Record Commissioner.



## APPENDIX

### SERVICE RECORDS

Service records of persons bearing the name Holden, Holding, etc., who served in the military or naval forces of the American colonies prior to and during the War of Independence, so far as discovered. Where identification is certain or probable the reference is to the page where the extended record may be found. Otherwise the record is given below the name.

### COLONIAL WARS

#### INCLUDING THE INDIAN, FRENCH AND SPANISH WARS

An asterisk indicates also service in the American Revolution. References within parentheses are to individuals; the folio follows. For other than New England no attempt is made to give full service records. Unless otherwise stated the State is Massachusetts.

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ABNER, Westminster (265) . . . . .	141	JAMES, Boston	
AMOS, Groton (1925) . . . . .	168	Enlisted 14 April, 1758, in company	
ANTHONY, East Greenwich, Conn.,		commanded by Captain Joseph Bill-	
(R861) . . . . .	405	ings, Colonel Joseph Williams' regi-	
ASA, Shirley (1947) . . . . .	187	ment raised for reduction of Canada;	
		discharged 23 Nov., 1758: born in	
BENJAMIN, Dedham (199) . . . . .	128	"old England," and aged 25 years.	
BENJAMIN, Framingham (1631) . . . . .	154	(Mass. Archives, 96: 102; 402.)	
Alarm List, 1757.		JEDUTHAN*, Rutland (12231) . . . . .	235
BENJAMIN*, Dedham and Princeton		JOB, Wallingford, Conn. . . . .	255
(1991) . . . . .	199	Drafted 1762, but did not join com-	
BENJAMIN, Windham, Conn. (124-5) 100		mand.	
Enlisted 14 April, discharged 19 Oct.,		JOHN, Woburn (18) . . . . .	76
1755, company commanded by Cap-		Ensign in foot company.	
tain Ezekiel Pierce, 1st Conn. Regt.		JOHN, Woburn (184) . . . . .	107
Enlisted 3 April, 1756 and served		JOHN, Groton (192-2) . . . . .	113
until 2 Dec., 1756, in company com-		JOHN, Groton (192) . . . . .	114
manded by Captain Parsons, Colonel		JOHN, Concord (221) . . . . .	130
Phineas Lyman's (2d Conn.) regi-		JOHN*, Glastonbury, Conn. (2212) . . . . .	211
ment. Also in company of Captain		JOHN*, Mendon (12221) . . . . .	233
Eleazer Fitch, 1757 (or 1756?).		JONATHAN, Groton (198) . . . . .	126
		JONATHAN, Groton (1966) . . . . .	195
CHARLES, Warwick, R. I. (R8) . . . . .	393	JONATHAN, Glastonbury, Conn.,	
Local military company.		(2214) . . . . .	212
CHARLES, Groton (193-2) . . . . .	115	JONAS, Sudbury (22J) . . . . .	132
DANIEL, Rutland (1223) . . . . .	144	JOSEPH, Westminster (26-1) . . . . .	90
DANIEL, Concord (2225) . . . . .	213	JOSEPH, Westminster 26) . . . . .	92, 93
DAVID, Groton (192J) . . . . .	174	JOSHUA*, Ashburnham (1963) . . . . .	192
EBENEZER, Granville (124) . . . . .	101	JOSIAH, Concord (226) . . . . .	132
FRANCIS*, Shirley, Westminster, Vt.,		JOSIAH*, Barre, Rutland (1225) . . . . .	145
(19312) . . . . .	308	JUSTINIAN, Woburn (12) . . . . .	63
JAMES, Worcester (122) . . . . .	98	JUSTINIAN, Harvard (234) . . . . .	135
JAMES, Worcester (1222) . . . . .	142	ISAAC, Cambridge (23) . . . . .	90
		ISAAC*, Townsend (194-3) . . . . .	118
		ISAAC, Watertown (231) . . . . .	133

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ISAAC*, (2341)	225	STEPHEN, Groton (19)	78
Harvard, Ashburnham, St. Albans, Vt.		Captured by Indians, 1697.	
		STEPHEN, Groton (193)	116
NATHAN, Stoneham (163-5)	103	THOMAS, Barre (1226)	146
NATHANIEL, Cambridge (1974)	196	THOMAS, Waldoboro, Me.	
NEHEMIAH, Shirley (1927)	170	Served as centinel, 25 June to 20 Nov., 1755, in company of Captain Thomas Fletcher, on scout to Eastward, and at Sergeant Benjamin Burton's blockhouse 18 April—30 Oct., 1756. Petitioner with others of St. Georges River, asking for removal of Captain Fletcher. Stationed at Burton's 6 May—20 Sept., 1757, under command of Captain Joshua Freeman, and 10 April to 10 Sept., 1759. Probably same man who as of Broad Bay served from 30 April to 5 Dec., 1758, in company commanded by Captain David White, Colonel Joseph Williams' regiment.	
PARKER, Concord (226-2)	132	TIMOTHY, Sudbury (1634)	103
PETER, Concord (223)	131		
RANDALL, Warwick, R. I. (R64)	396		
Local military company.		WILLIAM	
RICHARD, Groton (1)	36	Volunteered 29 July, 1740, under Captain Stephen Richards, for service in Spanish West Indies, but services not required. Aged 30 years; born in Dublin, Ireland; farmer.	
Local trainband commanded by Captain James Parker		WILLIAM, Groton (196)	122
RICHARD*, Charlestown, N. H. (1965)	194	WILLIAM, Groton, Springfield, Vt. (1962)	190
ROBERT*, Templeton (1981)	198	WILLIAM, Dorchester (217)	129
		WILLIAM*, Dorchester (2173)	219, 206
SAMUEL, Concord (2227)			
Alarm list of Captain John Minot, 12 April, 1757 (Mass. Archives, 95; 307)			
SAMUEL, New Hampshire			
Enlisted 1 May, 1756, discharged 13 Oct., 1756, in company commanded by Captain Ezekiel Worthen, Colonel Nathaniel Messerve's regiment, expedition against Crown Point.			
SIMON, Charlestown (197)	125		
SIMON*, Shirley (1937)	181		
STEPHEN, Shirley (1931)	178		
STEPHEN, Westminster, Vt. (19313)	310		
STEPHEN, Westminster (262)	135		

### SERVICE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Descendants of men whose names occur in this list are eligible to membership in the societies Sons of the American Revolution, or Daughters of the American Revolution as the case may be.

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AARON, Barre (1229)	149	Runnell; also served in 1781, joining regiment at Charlestown, N. H.	
AARON, Barre, Ellisburg, N. Y. (12263)	249	ABRAHAM, Shirley, Stockbridge, Vt. (19375)	321
ABEL, Sudbury (22J1)	216	ADONIAH, Haverhill, N. H. (1241-3),	152
ABEL, Shirley, Lunenburg (19254)	285	AMOS, Shirley (1925)	168
ABEL,		AMOS, Jr., Shirley (19251)	284
Drummer in company commanded by Captain Nathan Smith, Colonel Jacobs' regiment, paid for Nov., 1778.		AMOS, Glastonbury, Conn. (2212-1)	210
ABNER, Westminster (265-5)	139	ANTHONY, Warwick (R872-1)	406
ABRAHAM, Haverhill, N. H., Leicester, Vt.		Lieutenant, 3d company militia, Oct. 1775, to May, 1778, and in 1779, 1780, 1781, 1783, and saw active service as Lieutenant in company commanded by Captain Thomas Rice, Colonel John Waterman's regiment, 4 Dec., 1776 to 8 Feb., 1777, also in spring of 1778.	
Enlisted in spring of 1776, at Haverhill, in company of Captain Whitcomb; again in 1779, for one year; was at battle of White Plains, in regiment commanded by Colonel			



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ASA, Sudbury and New York (22J4)	221		
ASA, Shirley, Langdon, N. H. (19471)	326		
BENJAMIN, Princeton (1991)	202		
BENJAMIN, Barre (12251)	241		
BENJAMIN, Framingham (16314)	258		
BENJAMIN, Served one month, three days, at Rhode Island, from 29 Sept., 1777, in company of Captain Daniel Eames, Colonel Benjamin Haws' regiment.		EDMUND, Groton (19474)	330
BENJAMIN HOLDING, Delaware Appears on roll of company com- manded by Captain Nathan Adams, Colonel John Haslet's regiment, Delaware line, at Dover barracks, 12 April, 1776. Given as enlisted 26 March. Also on roll of 1st Co., 2d Battalion, Colonel Williams' reg- iment, serving with the Southern army, dated at Hillsboro, N. C., Sept., 1780.		Engaged 20 March, 1781, for three years, from Groton, aged 16 years, 5 ft. 2 in., light complexion and hair, dark eyes.	
BENAJMIN, New Jersey Served in 3d Regiment, Hunter- don County Militia.		ELIAS, Westminster (2624)	229
BENJAMIN, New Jersey Served in Carhart's company, 2d Hunterdon County regiment militia.		EPHRAIM, Lunenburg, Groton, Athens, Vt. (193L)	185
BENJAMIN, New Jersey Served in company commanded by Captain Phillips, 2d battalion. Also served in militia; also under Captain Ross, 3d Battalion.		?FRANCIS, Westminster, Vt. (19312)	308
CHARLES, Coventry, R. I. (R872)	407	FREDERICK HOLDEN, Enlisted in company commanded by Major Joseph Vaughan, Colonel David Hall's Delaware regiment. Roll dated April, 1779. Reported among the casualties "missing in action," 16 August, 1780, and in December sick at Hillsboro, N. C.	
CHARLES, Providence (R855-1)	404		
Paymaster of Rhode Island Con- tinental forces, 1776, 1777, 1778, 1780. Commissary General of militia Feb., 1779-1790.		HENRY, New Jersey Served in battalion in Continental service, also militia.	
DANIEL, Shrewsbury (12234)	236	HENRY, New Jersey Served in 1778, for nine months, in company commanded by Captain Helons, 2d N. J., regiment (Colonel Israel Shreeve). He enlisted at Elizabethtown in same regiment for duration of war. He was at battle of Monmouth, York, Pa., and in two engagements with Indians during service under General Sullivan in New York.	
DANIEL, Stoneham, Sweden, Me., (16452)	266	HENRY, New Jersey In Sussex County militia.	
DA'L, In detachment commanded by Colonel Thatcher. No year.		ISAAC, Townsend (194-3)	118
DANIEL HOLDEN, otherwise and probably correctly given as HOLDREN. Member of com- pany of New York militia, com- manded by Captain Gano in Colonel Dubois' Regiment. John and Andries Holdron served in Hayes' regiment of New York Militia.		ISAAC, Harvard (2341)	226
DARIUS, Granville (1241-2)	152	JABEZ, Groton (1948)	188
EBEBEZER, Granville (12411)	255	JAMES, Barre (12252)	243
EBENEZER MITCHEL, Granville (12411-2)	254	JAMES, Adams, Batavia, N. Y. (12238)	238
From Oct., 1780 to 23 Dec., 1783,		JAMES, Wrentham Enlisted 10 May, 1775, Captain Moses Wheeler's company, Colonel Jona. Ward's regiment; residence given as Wrentham. Received bounty coat or equivalent 19 Feb., 1776, at Dorchester. He may be the same James, whose name appears on a roll dated at Newton, of a com- pany stationed at Roxbury, com- manded by Capt. Edward Fuller, Col. William McIntosh regiment, in camp from 19 March to 16 April,	

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1778. This last company was from Needham. Both Needham and Wrentham were formerly parts of Dedham.		Paul Jones, entitled to prize money, 1776. Shipped at Philadelphia, 10 Dec., 1775: barber; discharged 5 Sept., 1776.	
JAMES,		JOHN,	
Marine on frigate "Deane" commanded by Captain Samuel Nicholson, 10 Jan. to 31 May, 1782.		Engaged as seaman on State ship "Tartar," Captain John Cathcart, 24 Aug., 1782; discharged 30 Oct., 1782, at Boston.	
JAMES, North Carolina		Engaged as seaman State sloop "Winthrop," Captain George Little, 6 Dec., 1782: discharged 10 Feb., 1783.	
Living in Smithville, Brunswick Co., March, 1833, aged 73 years, when he applied for pension for service in militia. Rejected as he did not serve six months. Born 9 Mar., 1760, in Brunswick County.		JOHN, Boston	
JEDUTHAN, Barre, Orange (12231) . . . . .	235	Enlisted as John Houlding 27 Dec., 1776, in company commanded by Captain Christopher Marshall, Colonel Thomas Marshall's regiment; in service 31 Dec., 1780. He was born 1741-2 in Kings Co., Ireland. He was a barber, as was John who shipped on the "Alfred" in 1775.	
JOB, North Carolina		JOHN	
Living in Brunswick Co., N. C., March, 1836, aged 84 years: born Cape May, N. J. Applied for pension, declaring service in militia in 1776 and later, in all two years. "Minute Man."		Served 1 Jan., 1781, to 31 Dec., 1782, in 10th Mass. Regt. (Colonel Tupper); corporal 1 April, 1782. Probably same man as John Holden of Chambers' company, 6th Regiment (Colonel Smith).	
JOEL, Reading		See also John Houlding of Marshall's regiment.	
Enlisted in company commanded by Captain James Bancroft, Colonel M. Jackson's Continental regiment; paid from 18 March, 1777, to 10 March, 1780.		JOHN, Sheepscot, Me.	
JOHN, Stoneham, Otisfield, Me.		Enlisted 17 Feb., 1777, Captain Billy Porter's company, Colonel E. Francis' regiment: marched to Bennington; served 44 days.	
(1645) . . . . .	159	JOHN, of Bristol (Me.), reported in list of those belonging to Bristol who died in the service.	
JOHN, JR., Stoneham, Otisfield, Me.		JOHN, Brookfield	
(16451) . . . . .	264	Enlisted for three years, 13 March, 1777, aged 30 years, out of company commanded by Captain Nathan Hamilton, Colonel Converse's regiment, for Brookfield and joined Captain Slayton's company, Colonel Shepherd's regiment; paid from 13 March, 1777 to 6 June 1777, when he is reported deserted.	
JOHN, Glastonbury, Conn. (2212) . . . . .	211	Name also appears as Hoilden.	
JOHN, Leicester (2236) . . . . .	215	JONAS, Westford, Mt. Holly, Vt.	
JOHN, Mendon (12221) . . . . .	234	(193K) . . . . .	183
JOHN, Dunstable (18651) . . . . .	273	JONAS, Sudbury (22J3) . . . . .	221
JOHN, Shelburne (19243) . . . . .	275	JONATHAN, Woburn (186-3) . . . . .	111
JOHN, Shirley, Franklin, Vt. (19256),	286	JONATHAN, Dorchester (2176) . . . . .	208
JOHN, Providence (R872-3) . . . . .	406	JOSEPH, Westminster (265-1) . . . . .	136
Ensign April or May, 1775: lieutenant Sept., 1775, Greene's regiment, R. I. line: adjutant, 1777: captain 10 Oct., 1777. Discharged 15 June, 1783.		JOSEPH, Boxford (1633) . . . . .	154
JOHN, Warwick, R. I.		JOSEPH, Cambridge (2311) . . . . .	223
Served several months in Colonel Grary's regiment, 1776.		JOSEPH, Barre, Chester, Vt. (12264),	250
JOHN, Warwick, R. I.		JOSEPH, Stoneham (16315) . . . . .	260
Lieutenant Jan., 1776, in Captain Gibbs' company, Colonel Richmond's regiment, raised for one year, probably the adjutant of the brigade comprising the 1st and 2d regiments of militia, 1776.		JOSEPH, Westminster (265) . . . . .	136
JOHN, Rhode Island			
Ensign in Colonel Christopher Lip-pitt's regiment, Sept., 1776, to Jan., 1777.			
JOHN,			
On ship "Alfred," Captain John			

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JOSEPH, Barrington		RICHARD, New Jersey	
Paid for August and Sept., 1775, for		In Sussex County militia.	
service at Prospect Hill, Captain		ROBERT, Templeton (1981)	198
Jonathan Davis' company, Colonel		ROBERT,	
Whitcomb's regiment.		Enlisted 26 Mar., 1776: served to 10	
JOSEPH, Worcester Co.		Sept., 1776, in defence of seacoast.	
Enlisted 5 Dec., 1775, to serve until		Roll dated at Bristol.	
15 Jan., 1776, Captain Dan. Haws'		See John and Thomas.	
company, Colonel Samuel Holden			
Parson's regiment.		SAMUEL, Berkshire Co.	
JOSHUA, Ashburnham (1963)	192	Served from 16 July, 1776, to 5 Aug.	
JOSIAH, Rutland, Barre (1225)	144	1776, in Berkshire County, com-	
JOSIAH, Barre, Newfane, Vt. (12253)	243	pany commanded by Captain Samuel	
JOS'A,		Walcott, which marched to the High-	
member of company of guards in and		lands, also for eleven days on alarm	
about Boston, 5 Oct., to 4 Nov.,		of 14 Oct., 1781, marching from	
1778, Captain David Goodwin's com-		Sandisfield to Stillwater.	
pany, Colonel Cogswell's regiment.		Enlisted 30 June, 1777; discharged	
LEVI, Sudbury (22J2)	218	27 July, 1777, Captain Samuel	
LEMUEL, Shirley, Chesterfield, N. H.		Walcott's company, Colonel John	
(19341)	315	Brown's regiment. Marched to re-	
MOSES, Harvard, Littleton, (234-6)	134	inforce the Northern army.	
MOSES, Barre (12254)	246	SAMUEL, Dorchester (2172)	205
MOSES		SAMUEL, Mendon, Charlestown, Me.	
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